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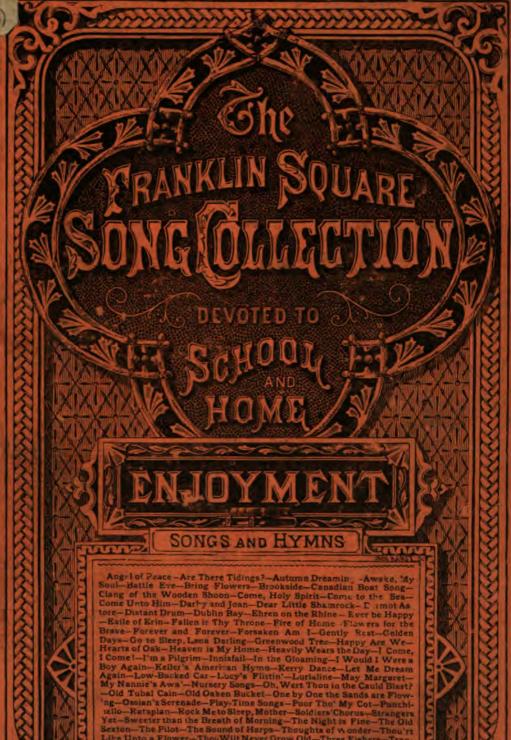
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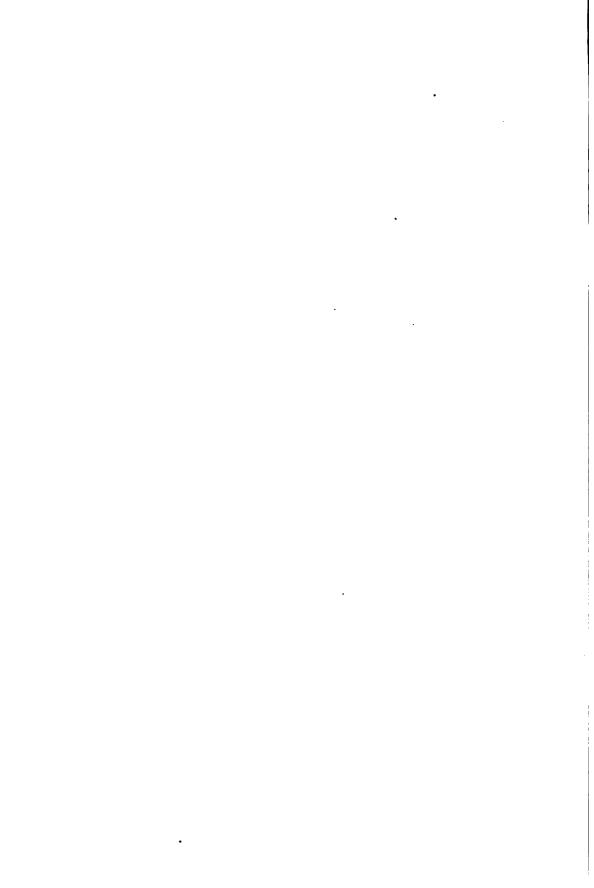
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The beautiful custom of decorating the graves of the soldiers should have its lessons for the schools. Decoration day committees may secure an ample supply of bouquets if they will adopt the plan of certain Grand Army Posts in the larger cities. Instead of requesting donations of flowers from the citizens at large, all the schools of the village, town, or city, may be enlisted in the good work of providing them, representatives of the committees visiting the various schools some days before the flowers are wanted, and speaking of the propriety of the children's doing what they can to furnish them. The boys and girls will at once be interested. The bouquets may be brought to the schools on the afternoon preceding Decoration Day, to be called for by

local committees. Thousands of bouquets may thus be obtained. The entire locality is laid under contribution for flowers, and in the most effective way possible. The children—each boy or girl—has done something, or has decided that he or she can do nothing, for the observance of the day—and thus has come into personal contact with the thought of gratitude due, and honor paid, to the patriotic dead. The teachers call the attention of their schools to the meaning of the day, under circumstances most favorable to producing a lasting impression. The story of the war is retold; the meaning of the great struggle is taught as the lesson of the hour; and in every way the result is profitable to all. "What we would have in the community we must put into the schools."





Tones and semitones mark the ordinary intervals in music. Many Italian, Spanish and other singers in Southern Europe are, however, able to sing not only semitones but also quarter tones, thus producing greater brilliancy in execution. Ability to divide the semitone is not possessed by the Germans, the Russians, the Scotch, the English, the Irish, and other singers of Northern Europe. Their vocal organs will not produce these quarter intervals. To offset this, however, these northern singers have a power of expression that far surpasses the southerner, both

in depth and sweetness. The brilliant runs of the Italian operatic singer may electrify his audience; but it is the melody, whether sweet or sad, of the German, or Russian, or English folk-song, that reaches the heart and makes men better. The voice trembles with suppressed emotion; tears fill the eyes; the soul seems stirred to its depths; an impression is made and a glad memory left that never can be lost or forgotten. The folk-song is a branch of music sui generis—altogether different from ordinary operatic airs—and it has been too much neglected. The



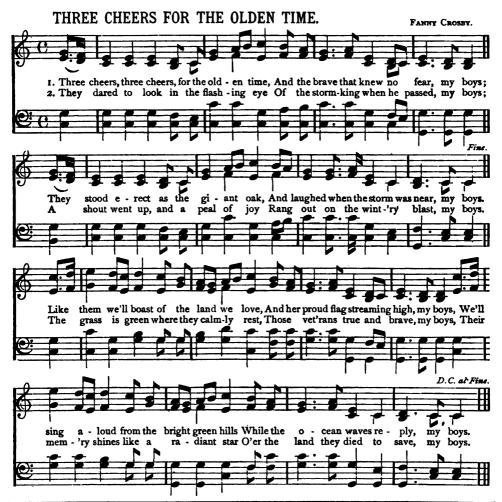
people of Southern Europe have but few folk-songs, but the farther north you go the more of them you find and the sweeter they grow. Who composed them, for the most part, nobody knows; but they are mainly the outgrowth of the home sentiment fostered and strengthened by the associations of long winter evenings around the fireside. Nothing can exceed the sweetness of some of the Russian melodies, of which "To Alexis" and "Beautiful Minka" are fine examples. The cause of this marked difference in their music is to be found in the respective characters

of the people. The southerner lives largely out of doors during most of the year, and the sparkle and brilliancy by which he is characterized argue rather a surface life than one of deep feeling or profound convictions. The northerner, maintaining with nature his stern struggle for existence, finds in persistent effort, thoughtfulness, and steady self-repression, the only law of a successful life. This, through generations, has wrought in him a more profound soul experience, and when the fount of song breaks forth, the melody flows with a sweeter cadence from a deeper source.—Carl Mats.



THE ORGAN.—A grand organ is a work of art in a high sense, and represents, also, a long succession of ingenious triumphs over mechanical difficulties. When you listen to its smooth and rich combinations of tones, blending admirably into a massive surge of harmony, you should have a sense of the complicated apparatus, and the slowly-mounting triumphs of skill in its arrangement, by which the inspiring result is gained. The ordinary conception of an organ is compounded simply of a bellows, some pipes, and keys. Of the mysteries of its construction we are, most of us, as ignorant as we are of its history. If we could know how these numerous pipes are touched "to fine issues,"

—the skill with which the all-animating air, which they expire in melody, is supplied to them from the bellows, through the wind-trunks, into the air-chests, by the further aid of grooves, and sound-boards, and tables, and sliders, and then by what cunning economy of pressure and spring the proper amount of breath is driven through each tube that is to be wakened into song; if we could know how the three organs of which every grand instrument is composed—the pedal, the choir organ, and the swell—are wrought into unity, how, by couplings, they can be made to play together at a single touch, and how the manuals and pedals are prepared by dextrous machinery for perfect action;



if we could learn by what repeated and nice experiments the best woods and metals had been discovered for the structure of pipes, and the finest combinations of the two kinds, and their proper length for different notes, and for the best tones, and how new stops had been invented to increase the compass and refine the voice of the instrument, and what delicacy of taste is required, and has been exhibited, in blending and balancing the songs of the different stops into a smooth chorus, kindred with the skill a master shows in harmonizing the colors of a picture to a proper tone; if we could, further, be made sensible of the patient talent that has been expended in contests with scores

of troubles which attend complicated machinery, and, beyond these, could be made aware of the difficulties that have been grappled, and the genius that has been put to use, in connection with the whole subject of temperament, tuning, and pitch of an organ, we should see that we get our noble instrument, as we get all the richest blessings of civilization, out of the benefactions of centuries; and look upon it as a sign and summary of the dreams of scores of artists, and the adroitness of countless artisans; and the first lesson its music would breathe into our souls would be a new rendering of the words of Jesus, "Other men labored, and ye have entered into their labors."—Thos. Starr King.



CAN music be disregarded when the programme of school duties is to be arranged? It should be held as equally essential with reading and penmarship, and the day is coming when the local school authorities—wiser than many who are at present entrusted with these interests—will inquire of the teacher who seeks employment, "Can you sing?" "Can you play on any instrument?" "Can you give instruction in vocal music?" These have long been questions familiar to applicants for positions in the public schools of Germany; and happy will be that era when they have grown equally familiar to the teach-

ers of America. Horace Mann, an authority in educational matters, once wrote, "If I were the father of a family, all the members of it should learn music. Almost all children have naturally good ears, and can catch tunes easily; and, strange to say, they are able to master the mysteries of tune much better at an early age than they do later." The refining influence of music in the schoolroom and in the family circle none knew better than himself. Dr. Brooks says wisely: "A school song in the heart of a child will do as much for its character as a fact in its memory or a principle in its intellect." All leading educators



agree as to the importance of this kind of instruction, and the universal love of music, manifested especially by children, is the strongest evidence that their position here is not to be shaken. The wide world over, wherever human beings have hearts that pulsate quicker to the sentiment of love or sympathy, or at thoughts of home or heaven, there the outgushing tenderness reveals itself in song. Travellers tell us that in the mountains of the Tyrol, it is the beautiful custom of the women and children to come out, when it is bed-time, and sing their national songs until they hear their husbands, fathers and brothers answer

them from the hills on their return home. On the shores of the Adriatic, also, such a custom prevails. There the wives of the fishermen come down about sunset and sing a melody. After the first stanza, they listen awhile for the answering strain from off the water, and continue to sing and listen till the well-known voices come borne upon the tide. How sweet to the weary fisherman, as the shadows gather round him, must be the song of these loved ones to cheer him on his way, and how they strengthen—as does music everywhere—the ties of affection that bind together these humble dwellers by the sea.



CHILDREN's voices are often abused in the schools. Teachers who do not understand the voice—both in public schools and Sunday schools—like to have enthusiastic singing. There is credit to the teacher; it is a live class or school. The scholars are urged to more effort; loud, hearty singing is what is wanted, and striven for. Power is the first requisite in the public estimation; to secure it, a cornet is brought into many a Sunday school. Give us a good, rousing blast! Singers, to compete with it, must sing louder. The sensitive, quick, and willing ones respond as best they can, strong and hearty. "That's good!"

says the teacher, "sing out!" Loud, coarse, vulgar shouting is understood to be music, and passes for the correct thing among many of the most estimable people. Now it is this coarse shouting that is fatal both to good music and to the vocal organs. More mischief is done in this way than most people can estimate. It is among the best and willing children that harm is done. They are urged to sing out, and the very effort put forth prevents the children from reaching the higher tones of the songs. They sing out of tune, of necessity. The children straining to do what is required of them, the lower register of the

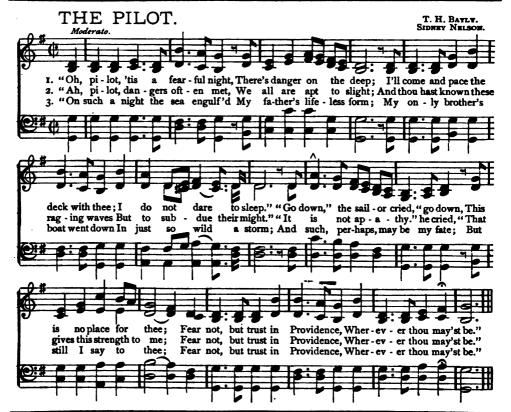


voice is forced up beyond its natural limits. All voices can be forced; some never recover the harm done them in school singing. The singing of children is mostly in unison—singing the melody—and those having low voices, in order to reach the higher tones by singing loudly, force their voices more than others, and are subject to more damage. It is like straining a violin A string to do duty as an E string, which makes it useless after as an A. Tenors among men strain their voices to make the higher tones loud and strong; in a few years the precious thing is gone. Demand soft singing, with energy. Be enthusiastic,

and draw all into the exercise by every means possible. Choose songs that are written within natural and easy compass. Teach the children to sing parts natural to them. Be anxious to have the songs sung correctly, rather than to make a great noise. A teacher of energy and enthusiasm does not need to urge his pupils to sing loud. Boys should always be kept down; girls probably will sometimes need encouragement. Besides high notes can only be attained by soft singing. Sing, and be healthy. Sing, and have strong lungs that can resist disease. Sing, but also take care of the precious instrument of song.



As to the singer's diet: avoid what is indigestible. Live well, and take plenty of varied nourishment. The system must be well nourished. Chocolate and coffee are better than tea; the latter is too astringent, and affects the nerves too much, if taken in abundance. Sugar, in moderation, with those beverages, and they should never be taken very hot. Bread is better than toast, but avoid hot or very new bread. Eggs and butter are good. Meat should be plainly cooked, yet not too well done. Pork tries the digestion too severely to be desirable food for a singer, and the same may be Fish is good for the singer, and he said of veal. should, if possible, let it form a part of his daily diet. Creams and pastry are simply poison, and cheese should only be taken in great moderation. Fruit is an excellent thing if judiciously used. But here, again, hard and fast rules are impossible, because constitutions vary. Only remember the old proverb, "We must eat to live, and not live to eat." Never practice or sing upon an empty stomach, or soon after a meal; either of these habits will unfairly tax your digestive organs, and in so doing damage your voice. After a meal, all of the energy of the body is required for the stomach; in a healthy person the extremities will generally be cold after a full meal, and the reason is that the digestive organs are using all the heat and blood that the body can give for their special work. Nature thus points to a rest of every other organ at that time, and you must not fight against Nature by attempting any such severe physical strain as the practice of the voice demands. All acids and astringents are bad for a healthy throat and stomach. Vinegar, highly-flavored sauces, almonds and raisins, nuts of every kind may safely be avoided. Some of these are



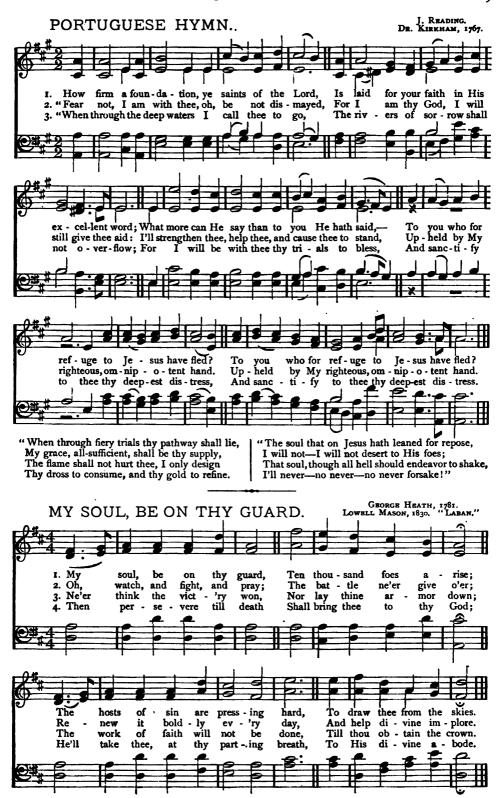
useful as remedies in relaxed throat, or congestion of the throat, no doubt; but I am speaking simply of what is desirable for a person in a state of health. In cases of cold, hoarseness, or indisposition of any kind, my prescription is, "Don't doctor yourself too much, but, as Abernethy said, 'Take advice.'" Be very careful and abstemious in the use of spirits. Fluids are apt to produce congestion or mucus in the throat and glands of the mouth, and that interferes with the free action of the muscles in singing.—Advice to Singers.

MANY writers have told of how, in the camp, on the battle-field, and in the battle-fleet,—in hospitals, in transports, and in sacred services,—during our late war, they have seen and felt the mighty influence of music in inspiring patriotism, rousing enthusiasm, and sustaining the spirit amid weariness and agony. A lady employed by one of the Commissions gives an incident of her experience as follows: "In our evening songs we were joined by the soldiers, who quickly gathered among us. As the shades of twilight deepened, and nothing but dim outlines could be seen, the sob of many a manly breast was heard in the pauses of hymns, made familiar by the day school, the Sabbath-school, the family altar, and the sanctuary. One evening after a pause, we started the air, 'Home, sweet home.' All joined in, except the soldiers. They sat in silence, and a long, deep inspiration at the close explained the reason. One braver to speak than the rest, said, 'Ladies, the boys never sing that song. It unfits them for duty, and makes them homesick.' As we all know, Napoleon I., on that principle, forbade the Swiss evening song, 'Ranz des Vaches,' to be sung or played in the army. It paralyzed the arms and crushed the spirit of his Swiss soldiera."









And the little girl would not play with her dolls for a whole week and never forgot poor little Tom. And soon my lady put a pretty little tombstone over Tom's shell in the little churchyard in Vendale, where the old dalesmen all sleep side by side between the timestone crags. And the dame decked it with garlands every Sunday, till she grew so old that she could not stir abroad; then the little children decked it for ther. And always she sung an old, old song, as she sat spinning what she called her wedding dress. The children could not understand it, but they liked it mone the less for that; for it was very sweet, and very sad; and that was enough for them. And the song

began, "When all the world is young, lad." But the words were only the body of it; the soul of the song was the dear old woman's sweet face, and sweet voice, and the sweet old air to which she sang; and that, alas! one cannot put on paper. And at last she grew so stiff and lame, that the angels were forced to carry her; and they helped her on with her wedding-dress, and carried her up over Harthover Fells, and a long way beyond that too; and there was a new schoolmistress in Vendale.—Chas. Kingsley's "Water Babies."

THE words of "Would I were a Boy again!" were written by Mark Lemon, founder and editor of London *Punch*. The music was by Frank Romer, also



an Englishman, who wrote it for a noted Italian opera singer. It became very popular, having been sung by one minstrel troupe every night for three years. "Jeannette and Jeannot" is the production of two Englishmen. Charles Jefferys, who wrote the words, was born in 1807 and died in 1865. Charles W. Glover, who set the words to music, was a brother of Stephen Glover. He was known in connection with much excellent musical work, writing the words of a few, and the airs of very many songs. The author of "The Brookside" was Richard Monckton Milnes, (Lord Houghton) the English poet, politician, and

prose-writer. The words of "Trancadillo" were written by Mrs. Caroline Gilman, who was born in Boston in 1794. In 1819, she married Rev. Samuel Gilman and removed to Charleston, South Carolina. Of her song she says: "The words were composed for a private boat party at Sullivan's Island, but the author will be glad to know that the distant echoes of other waters awake to the spirited melody. A portion of the original chorus has been retained, which, though like some of the Shakesperian reframs, seemingly without meaning, lends animation to the whole."

The air was composed by F. H. Brown, of New York



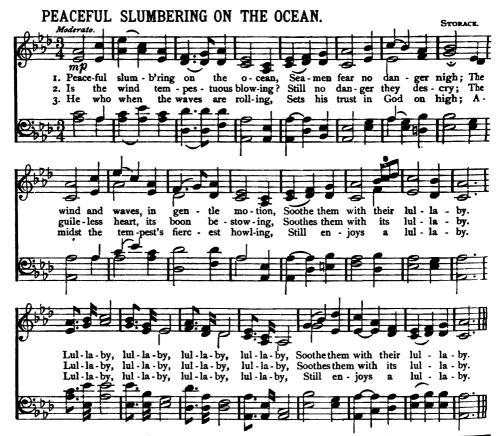
SOMETIMES the first principles of music are unknown. Berlioz, the French composer, tells of a lady, who, buying a piece of music, was asked whether the fact of its being "in four flats" would be any obstacle to her playing it. She replied that it made no difference how many flats were marked, as beyond two she scratched them out with a penknife. He also

tells of a dancer, who, rehearsing with the orchestra, and finding that something went wrong, thought the fault must be with the musicians, "What key are you playing in?" she inquired. "E," replied the conductor. "I thought so," continued the dancer; "you must transpose the music, as I can dance it only in D." Some blunders are funny enough to be "delightful!"





LET us turn from the niceties of artistic expression through the organ, to the general quality of the instrument itself. Its merits are not to be spoken of without allusion to its defects. There is scarcely any instrument that, in some narrow line, is not its superior. In fineness and delicacy of tone, and the capacity of expressing the most tender and subtle feeling, there is no portion of it which is comparable with the violin; nor can any of its pipes breathe a melody so sweet as a perfect flute exhales. Its distinction, of course, lies in the complication of the voices that lie at the command of its keys, and the vast range of its tones, from the thunder of the pedal to the piercing soprano of its pipes. It is a whole band put at the service of a single will, while all the instruments, intoned by the common air, have a quality fundamentally kindred, so that they can be always kept in tune and time. And then its power of sustaining tones, and of swelling them as they are prolonged, distinguishes it as greatly from all othe instruments, in the possibility of producing gradieffects, as it is inferior to many others in its capacity for uttering refined and thrilling melody. For majest it is the imperial instrument. The viol, the flute, the trumpet, the bugle, each is an instrument of music, but this is emphatically the organ. Let a man listen to one built up to the full resources of modern art, as it shock pour out a chorus or anthem of Handel, a fugue of Bach or the close of the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven, at how applicable, while his soul was heaving with the undulations thus inspired, would the language seems the instrument, which was used of Beethoven:—"What a vast, majestic structure thou hast builded out of sound.



with its high peak piercing heaven with its base deep under ground! Vague as air, yet firm and real to the spiritual eye, seamed with fire its cloudy bastions far away uplifted lie, like those solemn shapes of thunder we behold at close of day, piled upon the far horizon where the jagged lightnings play. Awful voices, as from Hades, thrill us, growling from its heart; sudden splendors blazed from out it, cleaving its black walls apart; white-winged birds dart forth and vanish, singing as they pass from sight, till at last it lifts, and 'neath it shows a field of amber light, where some single star is shining, throbbing like a new-born thing, and the earth all drenched in splendor, lets its happy voices sing." This majesty, thus native to the tone and movement of the organ, makes it pre-eminently the instrument for religious expression... Many of the old or-

gans intended for churches of the continent were grotequely ornamented with figures of angels bearing trumpets in their hands, sometimes with kettle-drums that
were beaten by the moveable arms of angels, and now
and then might be seen on one a gigantic angel hovering over the other forms, beating time with a baton.
There are records, too, of organs on which the figure
of King David, larger than life, was prominent, playing
the harp. Doubtless the cause of this repulsive tawdriness was the undisciplined feeling that the organ is,
by eminence, the ally of the church, and the appropriate voice of the most profound and the most soaring
sentiments inspired by religion. Especially was ther
fitness in placing the rude effigy of David, the swet
singer, upon the casing of the instrument.—Starr King.
Music, the child of prayer, companion of religion.



MENDELSSOHN delighted in the open air and beautiful scenery. When he was twenty, he staid some time at Chester, in England. He loved afterward to tell of the charm which the meadow and brook, the trees and grass, had for him there. He spent much time sketching and painting; but his head was full of music, and everything suggested a musical idea to him. He was very fond of carnations, and he set a bunch of them to music in the album of a daughter of his host, with a drawing of the flowers over the

notes; not forgetting to set some delicate arpeggios in the music for the scent of the flowers. On seeing the younger sister with some bell-shaped flowers in her hair, he said that the fairies might dance on the trumpets, and he set them to a capriccio. He never tired of merry-making, and one afternoon towards dusk, he, with a number of young people, was one of a happy young company that was picnicking in a thicket. Some one gaily proposed a fire; and all began to drag the boughs and twigs into place.



so that they soon had a fine bonfire. While still lingering around it, Mendelssohn began to ask for some music, but nothing could be found save a worn-out fiddle of the gardener's. Mendelssohn, all undismayed, began to play, shouting with laughter at his performance; but soon there was a hush in the chat and sport, and the whole party sat spell-bound at the music which he drew from even that despised fiddle. He would sit for hours improvising dance-tunes, and liked nothing better than to entertain his friends with

his music. He always looked back on this visit to Chester as one of the brightest spots in a bright life.

IMMORTALITY! This master thought which should be most in our minds, ever present with us, is one to which millions seem never to give a passing moment of serious reflection. They are as their dogs and their horses. Of all human beings, the clergy not excepted, those in the educational work should ponder most this sublime truth, and make it familiar as their native air to the youth who are passing through the schools.



THE SOUL IN MUSIC. - Dr. Haweis, speaking of music as a restorative, says: "There are moods of exhausted feeling in which certain kinds of music would act like poison, just as whip and spur, which encourage the racer at first, tire him to death at last. There are other kinds of music which soothe, and, if I may use the word, lubricate the worn ways of the nervous centres. You will ask, What music is good for that? We reply, good judgment and common sense, and, above all sympathy, affectional and musical sympathy, will partly be your guide; but experience must decide." Let us apply this thought to the music of the sanctuary. In the assembly gathered for public worship, we find the man of business whose immense and complicated affairs have tasked his brain to the utmost through the week; and in all that time there have not been thirty consecutive minutes in which his thoughts were not busy with multitudinous details, the omission of one of which might imperil success. In the pew opposite is another who is harassed and perplexed beyond measure, because an unfortunate turn in the tide threatens him with heavy losses, possibly with utter ruin. There is an accountant who has been for six days, and perhaps nights, puzzling over interminable columns of figures; a clerk who has worked early and late to hold his place against a horde of applicants for his position; students who have bent over their books until their heads ache, in view of approaching examinations. There are tired teachers and wearied mothers, jaded professional men, and worried, harassed, perplexed, tempted, tried, half-discouraged people, who hope in the sanctuary to escape, for a few hours at least, from the thraldom of the week. All need something which has the flavor of human sympathy, which shall "lubicate the worn ways of the nervous centres" and quiet



the turmoil within. To such the music should come as a ministering angel, not with a rush and stimulus so much as with that which is sympathetic and restful. The intricacies of a Bach fugue never rested anybody, no matter how fully its magnificence might be appreciated. We do not say that nothing requiring vigorous intellectual action should ever be put into the church service, but that especially in the opening voluntary, either instrumental or vocal, there should be more thoughtful provision than is generally made for the needs here indicated. If there could be in our churches more of musical appeal to the emotional nature and less to the purely intellectual-opening organ voluntaries more frequently, which, to quote from Dr. Haweis again, "seem to steal out of some remote cloud-land with a veiled sweetness that makes us hold our breath," choir renderings that interpret thoughts intelligibly instead of being mere exhibitions of vocal gymnastics—the church service would become more attractive, and be a greater power for good.

CAROLINE, the wife of Carl Maria von Weber, had much to do with her husband's musical development. "Enter at once into the life of the people," she wrote; "let the Freischütz begin with the scene at the country fair." The result showed how correctly the young singer judged, experienced as she was in stage affairs. When she had been for years his faithful, careful housekeeper and the tender mother of his children; and when she had made his home a place of contentment, happiness and love, her acquaintance with stage business was of the greatest benefit to the distinguished master. Her own son, Counsellor Max von Weber, gave the world a delightful biographical picture of the mutual love and artistic labors of his father and mother.



Music is entitled to hold a conspicuous place in the course of common school instruction; the benefits arising from this study are limited to no class or condition, but manifest themselves in the life of every individual, in every family circle, in every social gathering, in every house of worship; in short, at all times and in all places, whenever and wherever the brighter, happier, higher emotions and aspirations of the heart and soul seek to find utterance.—D. B. Hagar.

As children must have a knowledge of language, and a sufficient vocabulary to express their thoughs in words, before they commence the task of reading so in music, they must, by listening to music and singing by rote or imitation, possess a clear idea of music before attempting to read music from notes of any kind. It is therefore important that there should be some method as to the selection of appropriate song, both as to the words and the music.—L. W. Mass.



See, the helmsman looks forth to you beacon-lit isle; So we shape our hearts' course by the light of your smile. Trancadillo, Trancadillo, etc.

With love-light and smile-light we'll bound o'er the billow, bright billow, gay billow, etc.

With love-light and smile-light we'll bound o'er the billow.

And when on life's ocean we turn our slight prow, May the light-house of Hope beam like this on us now, Life's billow, frail billow, etc.

With hope-light the true light, we'll bound o'er life's billow, life's billow, frail billow, etc.

With hope-light the true light, we'll bound o'er

life's billow.



THE most favorable period in the whole school life for laying a solid foundation for the intelligent rendering of music is the first three years, and here is where we must make a more sensible and intelligent beginning. We need first to appreciate the ability of the little child to learn the elements of music. This we shall never know till we learn better how to present these elements in their simplicity, in accordance with the mental laws, by which the mind acquires a

knowledge of all subjects. The supposition has been that little children could not be taught to read music intelligently, simply because it had not been generally and successfully accomplished. The failure has not been on account of inability on the part of the children to learn music, nor on account of the notation by which it is represented, as some would have us to believe, but on account of a lack of knowledge among those employed in the teaching of this subject.—Helt.





Tunes.—Birds and beasts can know nothing of thorough-bass, and stones and dolphins are, as a rule, profoundly ignorant of the mysteries of counterpoint and fugue. A tune, which may perhaps be defined as a melody possessing an especially obvious rhythm, appeals directly to an almost primitive sense, common to nearly all civilized men, and possibly to dolphins. The appreciation of music in its higher forms demands the deliberate and careful cultivation of an inborn taste. It is not by mere instinct that the full merit of the masterpieces of Beethoven and Mozart is recog-

nized. A man may be possessed of an undoubted "ear," his love of music may be perfectly genuine, and yet much of what is ordinarily accepted as high-class music may be utterly beyond him. He is simply bored by oratorios, symphonies, and concertos; the crash of choruses, the quaint and marvellous intricacy of fugue, and the giddy rush of an overture, are to such an one possibly imposing, certainly bewildering, and frequently wearisome. If he is a man of superlative and unnatural honesty he will admit this. If he is merely possessed of the average amount of



courage he will say nothing about it. He will humbly accept the verdict of connoisseurs, and will go to classical concerts from a dim sense of duty, and because it is the thing to do, where he will scan the programme with entire satisfaction; but when it contains an item described as Op. 56, he will be conscious of inward misgivings, and though his external demeanor during its performance may be decently expressive of enjoyment, he will be secretly yearning for the conclusion. On the other hand, there are very few persons who are wholly insensible to the magic

influence of a tune; many who have no power of reproducing half-a-dozen notes with their proper intervals can readily distinguish their favorite tunes, and find a genuine enjoyment in hearing them, and in beating time more or less incorrectly with head or hand. Charles Lamb, who was, by his own account, organically incapable "of a tune," and who had been "furtively practicing 'God Save the Queen' all his life and never arrived within many quavers of it," declared that "it would be a foul self-libel to say that his heart had never melted at the concourse of sweet sounds."



COLOR MUSIC.—Suppose, by a wild stretch of imagination, some mechanism that will make a rod turn round one of its ends, quite slowly at first, but then faster and faster, till it will revolve any number of times in a second; which is, of course, perfectly imaginable, though you could not find such a rod or put together such a mechanism. Let the whirling go on in a dark room, and suppose a man there knowing nothing of the rod; how will he be affected by it? So long as it turns but a few times in a second he will not be affected at all, unless he is near

enough to receive a blow on the skin. But as some as it begins to spin from sixteen to twenty times a second, a deep, growling note will break in upon him through his ear; and, as the rate then grows swifter, the tone will go on becoming less and less grave, and soon more and more acute, till it will reach a pich of shrillness hardly to be borne, when the speed has to be counted by tens of thousands. At length, about the stage of 40,000 revolutions a second, more or less, the shrillness will pass into stillness; silence will again reign as at the first, nor any more be



broken. The rod might now plunge on in mad fury for a very long time without making any difference to the man; but let it suddenly come to whirl some million times a second, and through intervening space faint rays of heat will begin to steal toward him, setting up a feeling of warmth in his skin, which again will grow more and more intense, as now through tens and hundreds and thousands of millions the rate of revolution is supposed to rise. Why not billions? The heat at first will be only so much the greater. But, lo! about the stage of four hundred

billions there is more—a dim red light becomes visible in the gloom; and now, while the rate still mounts up, the heat in its turn dies away till it vanishes as the sound vanished; but the red light will have passed for the eye into a yellow, a green, a blue, and last of all, a violet, and to the violet, the revolutions being about 800,000,000,000 a second, there will succeed darkness—night, as in the beginning. This darkness, too, like the stillness, will never more be broken. Let the rod whirl on as it may, its doings cannot come within the ken of that man's senses.—Robertson.

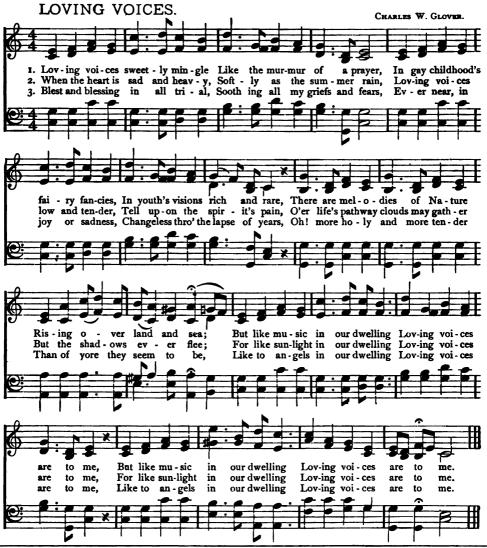






ALL true arts are expressive, but they are diversely so. Take music; it is, without contradiction, the most penetrating, the profoundest, the most intimate art. There is, physically and morally, between a sound and the soul a marvellous relation. It seems as though the soul were an echo in which the sound takes a new power. Extraordinary things are recounted of the ancient music, and it must not be believed that the greatness of effect supposes here very complicated means. No, the less noise music makes the more

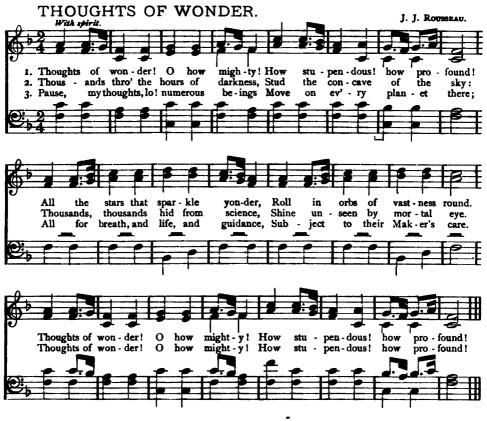
it touches. Give some notes to Pergolese, give him especially some pure and sweet voices, and he returns a celestial charm, bears you away into infinite spaces, plunges you into ineffable reveries. The peculiar power of music is to open to the imagination a limitless career, to lend itself with astonishing facility to all the moods of each one, to arouse or calm, with the sounds of the simplest melody, our accustomed sentiments, our favorite affections. In this respect music is an art without a rival, tho' not the first of arts.— V. Cousin.



Music pays for the immense power that has been given it; it awakens more than any other art the sentiment of the infinite, because it is vague, obscure, indeterminate in its effects. It is just the opposite art to sculpture, which bears less towards the infinite, because everything in it is fixed with the last degree of precision. Such is the force, and at the same time the feebleness, of music, that it expresses everything and expresses nothing in particular. Sculpture, on the contrary, scarcely gives rise to any reverie, for it clearly represents such a thing, and not such another.

Music does not paint; it touches; it puts in motion imagination—not the imagination that reproduces images, but that which makes the heart beat, for it is absurd to limit imagination to the domain of images. The heart, once touched, moves all the rest of our being; thus music, indirectly, and to a certain point, can recall images and ideas; but its direct and natural power is neither on the representative imagination nor is it upon the intelligence; it is on the heart, and that is an advantage sufficiently beautiful.—Victor Cousin.

Music, the medicine of the breaking heart .- Hunt.



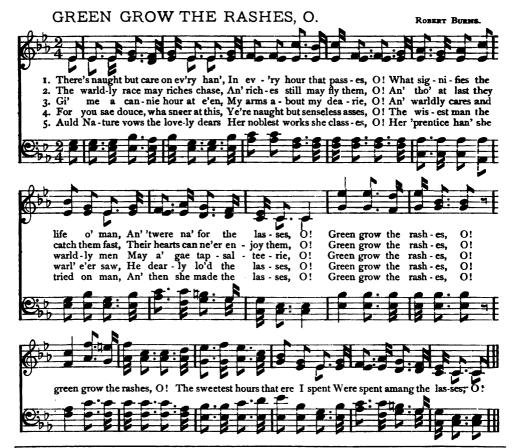
- Every world has hills and valleys,
   And His hand formed every flower,
   Every golden-winged insect,
   Sporting in the fragrant bower.—Cho.
- Every little joy and sorrow,
   Every hope and every fear,
   Follow His supreme direction,
   Fully as some mighty sphere.—Cho.



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WE shall make very little progress in teaching music in public schools so long as we confine ourselves to the discussion of such questions as whether or not we shall use the Fixed Do system, the Movable Do system, the Tonic Sol-fa system, or the Buckwheatnote system, or whether we shall attempt to teach music to little children as musicians have learned it, through the playing of musical instruments. However we may differ upon these much-discussed questions, which are of minor importance, there should be no question regarding the fundamental principles of teaching. There are mental laws underlying the growth and development of the mind, which are as fixed and immovable as the eternal hills, and when we shape our methods of teaching so as to present this subject to the mind in accordance with these

laws, the confusion in musical notations, and the difference in opinion arising from our ignorance in teaching this subject, will disappear. The very name of objective teaching suggests that there must first be an object to be presented to the mind; we must have a unit of thought or a real object to teach. The first problem, therefore, will be to decide upon our sand in music. What is it? We have said that little children first learn to sing as they first learn to talk, by imination, and that the unit or object of thought is the little exercise or song as a whole. Thus we present to the mind our units in music by teaching our pupils to sing these little exercises and songs beautifully, and then showing them the representation in notes. Thus we train the eye to recognize in notes the succession of sounds which has been taught to the ear. This is



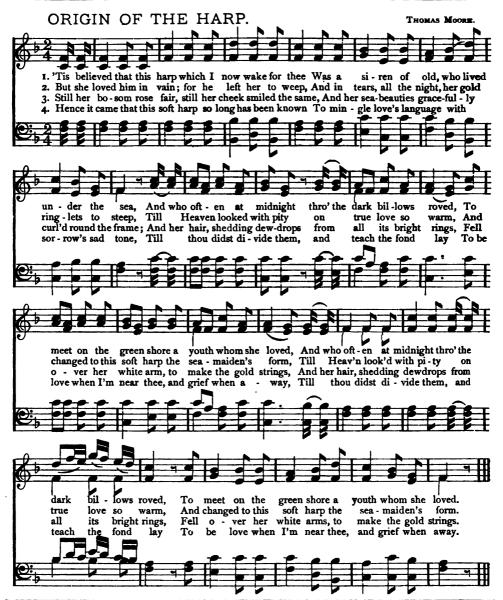
philosophic and sound teaching while viewing the subject from the standpoint of regarding the unit to be the exercise or song as a whole. But is not this rote singing? The tendency of such a system of instruction is to make musical imitators instead of intelligent thinkers in music, while success in teaching it must depend largely upon the skill and proficiency of the teacher as an expert in singing. If such a system of instruction be called a system of rote singing it is rightly named, notwithstanding the pupils learn to apply the syllables to the notes of the exercises and songs learned, and notwithstanding both teachers and pupils deceive themselves by supposing that they are reading music. Taught by such a system, little children will appear to the casual observer to be very

proficient; they can sing their exercises and songs by rote beautifully, but when tested with a succession of sounds which they have never heard they are found to be very helpless. If the object be simply to teach children to sing beautifully on public occasions, and musical experts can be employed to teach the children, a good temporary effect may be produced. but it should not pass for real education in music. When we compare the application of the objective principle in teaching music, as here stated, with the same principle as applied by the best educators in teaching language, we find this difference: In language a single word may represent a unit or object of thought, while in music a single sound means nothing, and cannot be taught by itself.—H. E. Holt.



MUCH attention is given in most schools to singing,—a healthful and enjoyable exercise. But there is not a single principle in physical or vocal training as applied to reading that is not equally applicable to singing. Reading and singing are two similar torms of vocal expression, requiring the use of the same vocal organs, and consequently the same process of development. Great injury is often done to children by allowing or requiring them to sing as loudly as

possible, while no attention is paid to the position of the body or the manner in which the tone is produced. Sitting incorrectly,—spine curved, chest sunken, head bent,—produces a cramping of all the muscles most necessary for the work. The pupil struggles to make up for this loss of power by increased effort with the throat. The result is not only a rasping and straining of this delicate organ, but great physical fatigue, and hard, screaming tones,



anything but musical. One can easily judge of the effect of such "singing" continued daily, or even weekly. If attention to the necessary physical requirements in reading and singing cannot, for want of time, be given to both branches, let it be wholly bestowed upon the singing. A pupil who may read but half a minute at a time, sometimes sings for a half or a whole hour without many intervals of rest.

Moreover, the injury done to the voice in faulty singing is far greater than can possibly be done in reading. Proper management of the breath; proper production of tone; clearness, force, pitch, and flexibility of tone, can as profitably be taught in connection with the musical scale as with vowel sounds or words; and all musical training, in whatever form, is of the greatest value in teaching reading.—Le Row.







ACCENT.—The subject of accent has been often misunderstood in its practical application. The regularly returning accent of measure should not usually prevail in any very marked manner. Such an accent belongs chiefly to a lower class of music, which makes its appeal to the mere external sense; it is heard, and indeed is often the only element, in the music of savage life. The march and the dance are somewhat dependent upon it, though in the higher department of these forms of music, it is often designedly hidden by higher properties for a short time, or as long as

it may seem safe to trust the feet without it. A regular drum-like recurrence of it in vocal music is usually at variance with good taste; nor does it belong to instrumental music of a high order. To the fact that this element is much concealed by the organ is to be attributed one of the chief excellencies of this noble instrument, and one which renders it peculiarly appropriate to the dignity, solemnity and spirituality of divine worship. The rhythmic accent which belongs to phrases, or periods, and also the rhetorical accent or emphasis belonging to emotion or expression, on



the contrary, are of the highest importance; they are, in all cases, essential to a tasteful and appropriate performance, and they should never be disregarded.

HINTS.—As it is not uncommon to see a person, when singing, assume a disquieted and troubled countenance, it may not be amiss to add a note of caution against wry faces and sour looks while singing, or at other times, and to recommend a pleasant countenance; for, as the old saying has it, "a pleasant face makes a pleasant voice," and, we may add, does

much toward making others happy. Also, the complaint is often made that the words cannot be heard, or are not carefully spoken in singing; but it cannot be expected that one who delivers tones in a careless, indifferent, lifeless manner, should articulate or pronounce words in any other way; whereas, if the habit of a careful utterance or emission of tones has been formed, it is almost sure that there will be a corresponding attention to words. A good delivery of the tones is a pre-requisite to a good delivery of words.



THE domain of music is sentiment; but even there its power is more profound than extensive; and if it expresses certain sentiments with an incomparable force, it expresses but a very small number of them. By way of association, it can awaken them all, but directly it produces very few of them, and the simplest and the most elementary, too,—sadness and joy with their thousand shades. Ask music to express magnanimity, virtuous resolution, and other sentiments of this kind, and it will be just as incapable of doing it as of painting a lake or a mountain. It goes about it as it can; it employs the slow, the rapid, the loud, the

soft, etc., but imagination has to do the rest, and imagination does only what it pleases. The same measure reminds one of a mountain, another of the ocean, the warrior finds in it heroic inspirations, the recluse religious inspirations. Doubtless, words determine musical expression, but the merit then is in the word, not in the music; and sometimes the word stamps the music with a precision that destroys it, and deprives it of its proper effects—vagueness, obscurity, monotony, but also fulness and profundity—I was about to say infinitude. I do not in the least admit that famous definition of song:—a noted declamation. A simple



declamation rightly accented is certainly preferable to stunning accompaniments; but to music must be left its character; and its defects and advantages must not be taken away from it; especially it must not be turned away from its object, and there must not be demanded from it what it could not give. It is not made to express complicated and factitious sentiment, nor terrestrial and vulgar sentiments. Its peculiar charm is to elevate the soul towards the infinite. It is therefore naturally allied to religion, especially to that religion of the infinite which is at the same time the religion of the heart; it excels in transporting to the feet of

Eternal Mercy the soul trembling on the wings of repentance, hope, and love. Happy are those who, at Rome, in the Vatlcan, during the solemnities of the Catholic worship, have heard the melodies of Leo, Durante, and Pergolese, on the old consecrated text! They have entered Heaven for a moment, and their souls have been able to ascend thither without distinction of rank, country, even belief, by those invisible and mysterious steps, composed, thus to speak, of all the simple, natural, universal sentiments, that everywhere on earth draw from the bosom of the human creature a sigh towards another world.— Victor Cousin.







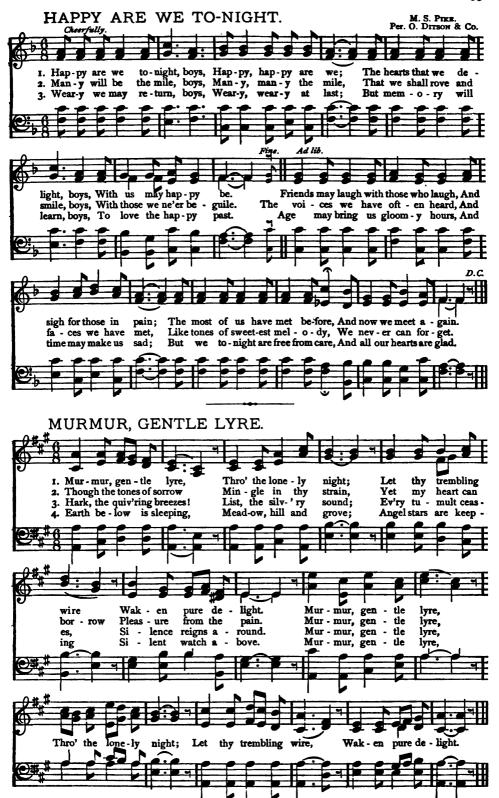
UNIT OF THOUGHT.—All music has as the basis of its construction two important elements, viz., tune and time; and if we would teach it successfully we must first find the units of thought upon which these two primary ideas are based. The major scale is the unit through which we must think in training the mind in tune. It contains all intervals found in music except the augmented second in the minor scale. From the intervals in this series of sounds come all the combinations of sounds of which music is composed, and with these intervals we can unlock all difficulties

found in the study of the pitch of sounds. When these facts are understood, and it is found that the regular teachers in our schools can train their pupils just as intelligently in sounds as they can in numbers or colors, and that these sounds can be more easily and successfully taught at an early age than either of the subjects mentioned, we shall find that music as an educational factor in our public schools has never been realized. To make available the teaching power of the regular teachers for music, they need to be shown how to apply the same intelligent methods in



training the ear to sounds as mental objects that are used in training the eye to numbers and colors. The ordinary rote or imitative work is not real education in music. The mind gains power only through its own activities, and when the unit of thought—the major scale—has been clearly established, the pupils should be required to work out all problems in the study of intervals by singing them. The teacher should only guide the pupil in thinking and practice until he gains command of the whole subject. This is a self-educating process for both teacher and pupil.

Not a question should be asked by the teacher that is not immediately preceded by the sound to which it refers, and the sounds should be so named that every character used in representing the pitch of sounds should be named by teaching and naming the sound itself before the character is given. This is a very simple matter for the practical work of the school room, and when we as teachers learn how to present it the question of notation is settled, for no one would think of using any other than that of the staff after having learned to train children in this way.—H. E. Holt.



THE method of Mr. Holt's instruction is based upon the major scale as the unit in studying the pitch of sounds, which is made a study from the very commencement. This method is based upon the principles of the new education. He recognizes from the very commencement that all true education is based upon doing, not theorizing, and follows this out carefully through all his instructions. His first lesson is a drill upon the major scale as a whole, and it is continued until these sounds are as familiar, in all their

relations, as any of the simplest combinations in numbers. While this knowledge is being acquired, the children are made familiar with the different positions of these sounds on the staff, and are able to give the correct tone in any of those places or keys. At a recent lecture, presenting an elucidation of the principles upon which he has been working, he gave a beautiful illustration of his explanations with a class of nine girls brought from Boston, showing that difficulties which have been regarded as impossible, are



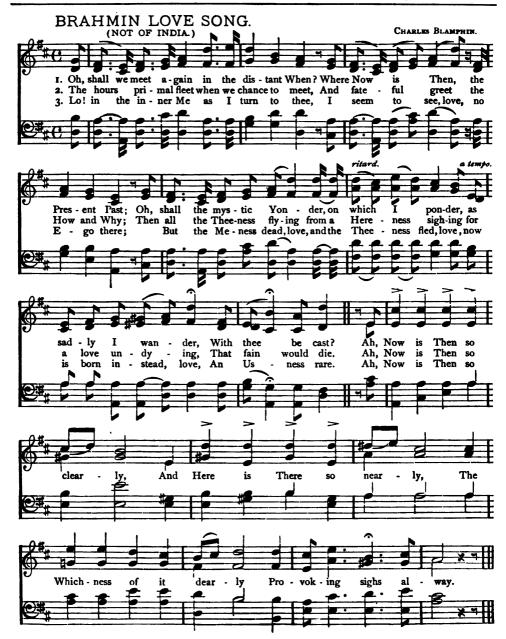
very simple when properly approached. The exercises showed that modulations from one key to another are as easily comprehended and sung by these little girls as simple scale intervals. They were able with wonderful accuracy to move from one key to another in three-part harmony. Mr. Holt makes a careful study of tune and time separately before uniting these two elements. Measures are taught as groups of accents which are very clearly presented and named.

Time language is used, which does away with the necessity of learning the fractional names of notes and rests, and makes the beating of time unnecessary. The pupils are taught to feel the rhythm by the use of this language. It will be seen at once that this wonderfully simplifies the teaching of music. It is a play with sounds, and hence the interest is kept to its highest point. The pupils are continued in practice and not subjected to a dry drill in the technicalities of the science.



THERE is much beauty and unaffected simplicity in the modulation and general character of the native songs and music of all nations; they seldom fail to convey delight to persons of all classes, although uninfluenced by early or local associations; the words and tunes are usually well adapted to each other, whether it be in strains of tender passion and refined sentiment, or of comic humor and rustic festivity. The origin of national music in nearly all countries remains obscure and uncertain, though much inquired into. It has been supposed by some that the ancient melodies, especially those of Scotland, in their structure and succession of intervals, are similar to the scale of the Greek music, and some trace the same melodies to the

time of the Romans; others discover in them a resemblance to the ecclesiastical modes; but we do not find much existing historical evidence of any considerable antiquity relative to the national popular tunes anywhere; even in Scotland there is little of an older date than the fifteenth century, and the ancient music of all nations, beyond that time, we have only been able to trace by uncertain traditions or conjectures except in a few instances. Knox's Liturgy and Psalms show a date of 1565; Wood's manuscripts 1566; and the Skene manuscripts probably between 1615 and 1620, being left by the last descendants of the family to the Faculty of Advocates in Edinburgh. These manuscripts are now considered very ancient.— Moore.





SINGERS, good and bad, are often troubled with an apparent stoppage in the throat, and this inconvenience seems to be at its worst just at that moment when they wish to sing. To displace or to cure this stoppage, they begin hacking and coughing ("clearing the throat" as it it called,) which proceeding, however, only makes bad worse for the time being, and finally grows into a habit, till at last such people cannot venture to open their mouths without first subjecting the throat to a series of these irritating "hacks." A good master will soon cure this complaint by refusing to

continue the lesson whenever the pupil gives way to the bad habit. It is in many cases simply a nervous trick, and if the singer will accustom himself to swallow instead of coughing, whenever he feels the sensation of which we are speaking, he will soon be rid of it. If it result in any case from real weakness of the throat, it may be beneficial to gargle three or four times a day with moderately-strong salt and water, especially before singing. This does not harm the voice, and by bracing and strengthening the muscles of the throat renders them more obedient to the singer's will.



THE body should not be kept in a perfectly upright position when singing. The best position is with its chief weight upon the right leg and foot, the head gently leaning forward, the arms and, indeed, the whole carriage disposed in a manner that would indicate to the audience a sort of desire on your part to persuade them and bring them over to your feelings and sentiments. When the right leg begins to tire with the weight of the body, the left can take its turn. A sitting position is a very bad one in which to practice.

Singing should always be done in a standing position. Instead of sitting at the pianoforte, and accompanying an exercise or "solfeggio," it is far better to sound the first note of each passage therein, and master the same without any accompaniment. The advantages of this mode of practising must be obvious; but one of the most important is, that the attention is not divided between piano and voice, while it leaves the singer free to give all his attention and care to the production of the notes which he is endeavoring to sing artistically.











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THE words of the beautiful duet, "What Are the Wild Waves Saying?" suggested by the well-known scene in "Dombey and Son," were written by Dr. Joseph Edwards Carpenter, the music by Stephen Glover, who was born in London, in 1813. The editor of "Our Familiar Songs" says of him: "He composed music correctly at the age of nine, and his life was devoted to his art. His instrumental music has had an immense circulation, and some of his songs have been widely popular. His themes were characterized by a melodious sweetness, and were pathetic, lively or tender, in accordance with the words of the song, to which they were always carefully suited. His own favorites were his adaptations of Scripture words, which breathe a simple trust in the Christian faith—the ruling principle of his life. Mr. Glover

was passionately fond of country life, and most of his compositions were written in rural retirement. During a visit to the seaside in 1867, he met with a severe accident, from the effects of which he never recovered and which virtually closed his musical career. He travelled from place to place in search of health, and died Dec. 7, 1870. A memoir of him, published in an English journal, closes with this paragraph, penned in all the sincerity of affection by one who knew him well: 'The editor cannot allow this brief notice to go forth without bearing his testimony to the gentleness, the courtesy, the manifold Christian virtues of his departed friend. To the great ability which has secured for his compositions a world-wide fame, Mr. Glover added that self-negation which is even more rare than the exquisite skill of the sweet singer.'



THERE is a story told somewhere, of a celebrated musician, who lay upon his dying bed. A youth entered an adjoining apartment, sat down to a piano, and began to play a tune. For some reason, he stopped abruptly in the midst of a strain, and left the room. The air was a favorite one with the dying son of song, and the notes untouched so haunted him as he lay there, that he arose from his couch, seated himself at the instrument, took up the tune where the youth had left it, played it out, returned to his pillow, and in a moment was dead. I know not that it is true; but it is touching and suggestive enough to be so. The world is full of life: each life is a tune; so the world is a great orchestra; and of them all how few tunes are played through! how many have ended as they were not begun. Marches are so ended

every day: strong, brave marches, that end all too soon in a "dying fall." Whirling waltzes set off to the time of the youngest, merriest hearts, subside into dirges sad and low. Pæans turn to plaints, and all at last are hushed in the measured beat of the "muffled drums" of life. And of these strains of hope and harmony, how many are unended—no dying musician to take them up when those that struck them first are dumb or dead. But it is a pleasant thought that perhaps somebody may take up the tune, when we are dead—not a note lost, not a jar, not a discord, but all a swan-like harmony. May neither your life nor mine be composed of random "scores," but be a beautiful anthem, harmony in its parts, melody in all its tones, till the "daughters of music are brought low," and the life-anthem on earth is ended.







ROBERT BURNS.—His works are singularly various and splendid; the greater part of them consists of songs, either completely original or re-castings of such compositions of older date: in performing this difficult task of altering and improving existing lyrics, in which a beautiful thought was often buried under a load of mean and vulgar expression, Burns exhibits a most exquisite delicacy and purity of taste, and an admirable ear for harmony. His own songs vary in tone and subject through every changing mood, from the sternest patriotism and agonizing

pathos to the broadest drollery: in all he is equally inimitable. Most of his finest works are written in his own Lowland dialect, and give a picture, at once familiar and ideal, of the feelings and sentiments of the peasant. It is the rustic heart, but glorified by passion, and elevated by a perpetual communing with nature. But he has also exhibited perfect mastery of pure English, and many admirable productions might be cited in which he has clothed the loveliest thoughts in the purest language. Consequently, his rare genius was not obliged to depend



upon the adventitious charm of a provincial dialect. There never perhaps existed a mind more truly and intensely poetical than that of Burns. In his verses to a "Mountain Daisy," which he turned up with his plow, in his reflections on destroying, in the same way, the nest of a field-mouse, there is a vein of tenderness which no poet has ever surpassed. In the beautiful little poem, "To Mary in Heaven," and in many other short lyrics, he has condensed the whole history of love—its tender fears, its joys, its

frenzy, its agonies, and yet its sublimer resignation—into the space of a dozen lines. No other poet ever seems so sure of himself; none goes more directly and more certainly to the point; none is more muscular in his expression, encumbering the thought with no useless drapery of words, and trusting for effect to nature, truth, and intensity of feeling. No poet more abounds in those picture-like phrases which at once present the object almost to our senses, and which no reflection could improve.—T. B. Shaw.



- 3. There let the way appear
  Steps unto heaven;
  All that Thou sendest me,
  In mercy given;
  Angels to beckon me
  Nearer, my God, to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee!
- 4. Then with my waking though
  Bright with Thy praise,
  Out of my stony griefs
  Bethel I'll raise;
  So by my woes to be
  Nearer, my God, to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee!
- 5. Or if on joyful wing,
  Cleaving the sky,
  Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
  Upward I fly,
  Still all my song shall be,
  Nearer, my God, to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee.



A FALSE view of life is our radical defect. Our political problems always hinge on some money problem, our educational system looks primarily to the fitting of men for money-getting, for our young men even success means riches, and our very worship implies that the poor are unfit for the kingdom of Heaven. Thus we lose sight of man and think only of money; increase our wealth, while faith and hope and love and intelligence diminish. We build great cities to be inhabited by little men, are keen to drive a bargain and slow to recognize a noble man. We have eyes for bank notes, and move dumb and unraised beneath the starlit heavens. If it were possible that a great philosopher or poet should arise among us, some foreigner would have to point him out to

us; but we know our own, our men of boundless wealth, whom we envy and despise. So long as our whole national life-struggle continues to be carried on around this single point of finance, what hope is there of avoiding fatal conflicts? The rich will worship their god Mammon alone, and the poor will plot and scheme to shatter the idol; and mechanical contrivances, such as arbitration boards and legislative enactments, will leave the root ot the evil untouched. It is essential that we should know that the real and final test of a government, as of a religion, is the kind of man, and not the amount of money, it produces. We must return to the ideals of our forefathers, who preferred freedom, intelligence and strength to wealth.—Bishop Spaulding.





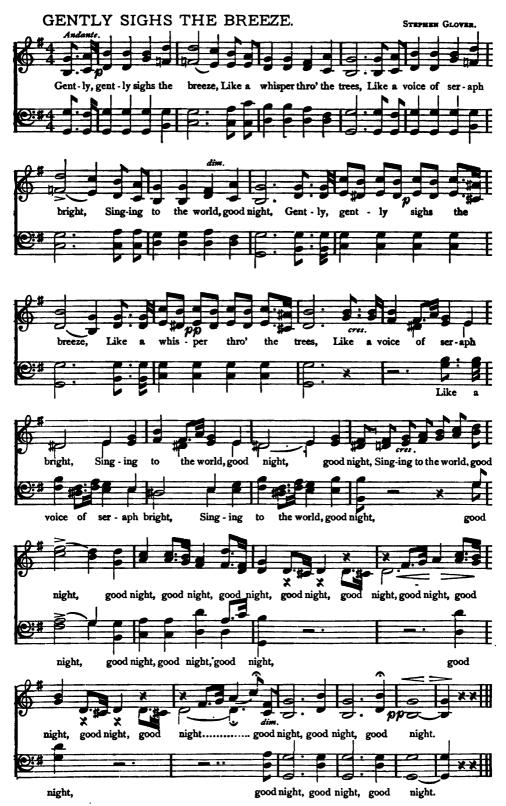
The organ, to one familiar with its structure, and with an eye that readily seizes a symbol, suggests a valuable lesson concerning the diversities of the religious world. Every organ is composed of several series of pipes, each series being called a stop. The value of each stop is, that it breathes out and modulates, with more or less compass, a certain pervading quality of tone. Some stops cannot be played together without producing painful discord, so penetrative and total is their dissonance, while, if a larger number are drawn, so that we get nearer to the full compass of the instrument, they broaden and enrich the harmony. Now, have we not

here a noble language for expressing the structure and diversities, the uses and the service, of the parties and the literatures of the Christian church? The church is one, like an organ; it is diverse and broken, like the ranges of its pipes. The sects are its stops. I beg you to see, by an attentive consideration, that this is not a fancy, and that it is not merely speculative and unpractical. I beg you to see that the organ is able to help us to a principle that is just and generous, and that stimulates a wise charity. The church universal lives by the breath of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit, sweeping into history from the infinite deep of



God, and making itself vocal in the literature and life of Christendom, through consecrated minds and sanctified souls and beneficent hands. So broad is the current of the truth which first broke into our stagnant air over Palestine, and has been widening since upon the nations, that it wakens peculiar tones of every temperament, and strikes, as we may say, a fresh chord in every century. We cannot too often repeat that Christianity is not a certain amount of religious truth locked up in a written record, but that it is a holy influence from the spiritual world, which struck one or two keynotes at its first coming, filling the souls of the few Apostles of Jesus,

with their melody, and which pours on to waken some new chord and variation in every nation and age. The true point in Scripture from which to survey it, and by which it should be interpreted, is the record of Pentecost, when the rushing, mighty wind filled the house where the disciples gathered, and kindled such speech that men of various kingdoms heard each class in their own tongue. So it has been ever since. Out of various temperaments, which cannot coincide precisely in their tones, and which lie open by their structure to different modulations of religious truth, the Spirit evokes the voices which it needs.—Rev. T. S. King.



LEANING idly over a fence, a few days since, we noticed a little four-year-old amusing himself in the grass, by watching the frolicsome flight of birds, that were playing around him. At length a beautiful bobolink perched on a bough of an apple tree which extended within a few yards of where the urchin sat, and maintained his position, apparently unconscious of his close proximity to one whom birds usually consider a dangerous neighbor. The boy seemed astonished at his impudence, and after regarding him steadily for a minute or two, obeying the lower instinct, he picked

up a stone lying at his feet, and was preparing to throw it, steadying himself for a good aim. The little arm was drawn backward without alarming the bird, and "Bob" was within an ace of danger, when lo! his throat swelled, and forth came nature's plea: "a-link, a-link, a-link, bob-a-link, a-no-weet! I know it, I know it, a-link, a-link, don't throw it, throw it, throw it." And he didn't. Slowly the little arm fell to its natural position, and the now despised stone dropped. The minstrel had charmed the would-be murderer! We heard the songster through, and saw



his unharmed flight, as also did the boy with a sorrowful countenance. Anxious to hear an expression of the little fellow's feelings, we asked, "Why didn't you stone him, my boy? you might have killed him and carried him home." The poor little fellow looked up doubtingly, as though he suspected our meaning, and, with an expression half shame and half sorrow, he replied, "Couldn't, cos he sung so?" Who will say that "music hath no charms to soothe the savage breast," or that God hath not made melody to move the purer fountains of our nature, to awaken those sympathies

that are kindred to Heaven, the angels, and to God himself? Let the sweet tones of music break upon the ears of the dull school-boy, and he awakes into new life and energy. Pour the notes of melody into the ears of the wilful child, and you disarm him; anger is subdued, and he may become obedient and attentive. Let music break the silence of the school-room in the morning, and the chords of some young hearts will continue to vibrate in harmony during the day. Then give some attention daily to vocal music. This may be done without any loss, even with gain, to other branches.

THE common impression in the churches is that music is excellent in proportion as a multitude of people join in the singing. To a certain extent this is true. A volume of sound is an important part of church music, but it is by no means all that is necessary. There may be a great noise without much music. The general exhortation with which congregations are stimulated to effort is "Now, brethren, all unite in singing!" The musical training of congregations is sadly neglected. Even where there are skilled and paid choirs the people are seldom gathered and in-

structed in music. The church which sets on foot a practical system of teaching music will lead its congregation into the happiest results in sacred worship. There was something in the old-fashioned singing-school, as maintained in rural communities, which was both a civilizer and educator. It was rude, perhaps, yet it was good in its way. A modified form of it could be introduced with great advantage, under proper supervision of the pastor and others, if in sympathy with improvement in the music, as they should be, since it is an essential feature of our religious worship.



THE gifts of the Wise Men were of such intrinsic value that they furnished the Holy Family for their flight into Egypt, in order that they might escape the cruelty of Herod. The gold was good anywhere. The frankincense and myrrh were current in Egypt, since there passed by Midianites with their camels, bearing spicery, and balm, and myrrh, going to carry it down to that land of many shrines and many plagues. The Magi did not serve the Lord their God of that which cost them nothing. They worshiped Him with their best. They gave gold, which is the representative of

all values. They gave frankincense, which is the symbol of worship. They gave myrrh. which is the emblem of all benevolence. They presented unto Him gifts, because God wills to be served with gifts; secret gifts, for God loves not ostentation; valuable gifts, which hasten God's kingdom; self-denying gifts, the fruit of their own labors; perfect gifts, without reservation; well-ordered gifts—first, the Gold of their substance; then, the Frankincense of their piety; and, last, the Myrrh of their charity, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before God.—Churchman.

It is the purpose of our free schools to provide for the public good, rather more than for the individual good, on the principle that the public good is the individual good; hence the policy that has for its aim the greatest general good for the greatest number is in full conformity with the spirit of national education. The "three R's" should no longer be deemed a sufficient education. They are essential, we readily grant, but to make them sufficient for the present age they must be adorned. As an adornment for the essential in any education, there is perhaps nothing more desirable than a knowledge of music and the ability to sing or play. Besides, to cultivate one musically is to cultivate him intellectually as well, for

the study of music lays under contribution all the faculties of the mind. It is a fact well worthy of observation, that the highest grade of both general and individual culture in school education to-day, is found in the cities and towns where music is taught in the public schools. The effect is very elevating and never degrading. No danger of unbidden thoughts of evil character entering the mind of a child when he is singing pure words set to sweet melody. Let the children tune their hearts to pure music: let the sweet minstrel of song be theirs to sweep the chords of love and good-will, whether they toil with lessons or romp in the sunlight of the social hour, and the moral atmosphere about them will be improved.





I REGRET that time is not left me to develop the points of analogy between a man—each human soul—and an organ; affinities that are no more interesting than they are impressive, practical, and searching. St. Paul compared the human soul to a temple, which was the grandest work of genius he knew; and the highest value of any commanding piece of art is to reflect back upon us some testimony to the complexity and marvel of our own constitution. There is no one whose spirit is not an unspeakably more intricate and delicate organism

than the instrument we are speaking of. Your powers, as related to the chief duties of life and the structure of society, are fitly represented by the sets of pipes in the organ. In every man there is the domestic stop, the business stop, the political stop, the religious stop. Some men do not show the fineness of their capacity till a particular one of these stops is drawn and played alone. They are hard in trade, but genial and sweet at home; or they honor integrity in their dealings, but do not support national loyalty to the highest truth in



their votes and public influence; or they are good citizens and good parents, but not reverent citizens of God's kingdom, the range of their religious affections being small and seldom waked into articulation. The true man is in tune through the whole series of his faculties, and will not suffer that any powers which God has wrought into his nature shall be closed against his spirit and be wasted by disuse. Ah, brethren, we should call it desecration if the instrument that leads our choir should be profaned every Sunday by the touch of levity,

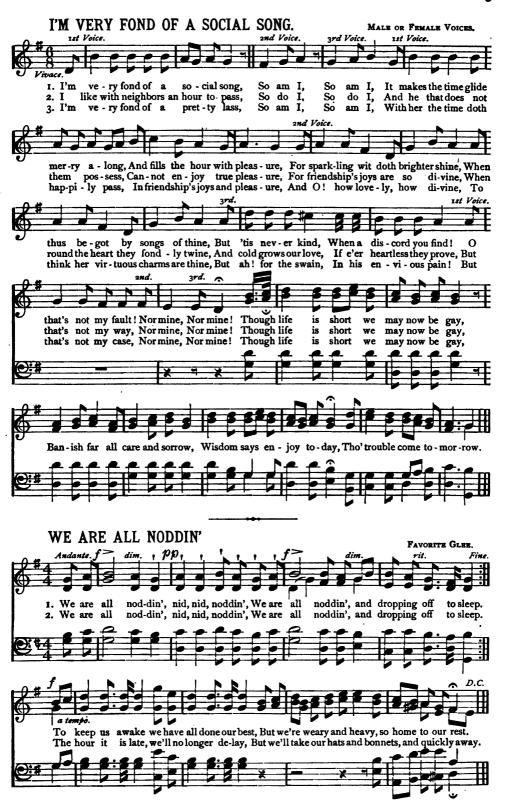
waking only inane or frivolous music from its deeps. But how is it with us? What if God hears more Christian melody, more religious aspiration, more of the phrasings of humanity and the soarings of devout joy, from that instrument than from us! What if we are lower than that, condemned by it! What if it is our souls that are desecrated by successions of trivial thoughts, by frivolous habits, impure passions, unserviceable living, so that they send no music, comparable with that of this unconscious Cyclops, to the throne'

IT would be a good test of the breadth and richness of the faith of any sect to manifest how much of the whole amplitude of the organ, from its rumbling ground-tier of pipes to the softest lute-vibrations it would call into play. No sect can command the whole chromatic gamut which the Gospel sweeps. Here is the continual call for charity and humility and joy in the comprehensiveness of Christianity. It needs the full choir of churches for its expression. It cannot spare any stop in the organ-growth of history. Each new sect that endures is a new range of pipes taking up a slighted

sentiment, or working up some more delicate tone or elaborate variation into the symphony of grace. We shall drop our intellectual differences about trinity and unity, free-will and constraining grace, when we reach Heaven. But we shall still be ranged, there as here, by the sentiments we most naturally give utterance to. We shall see then, doubtless, what need there is of the utmost power of every party to celebrate the circle of the Divine glory, how deep is the justice, how high the love, how wide the providence, that are twined into the pure harmony of the heavenly hallelujah.—Starr King.



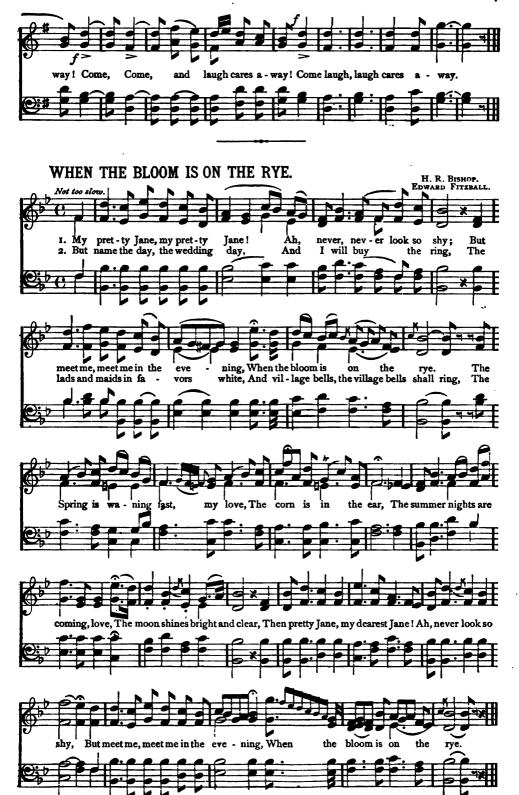




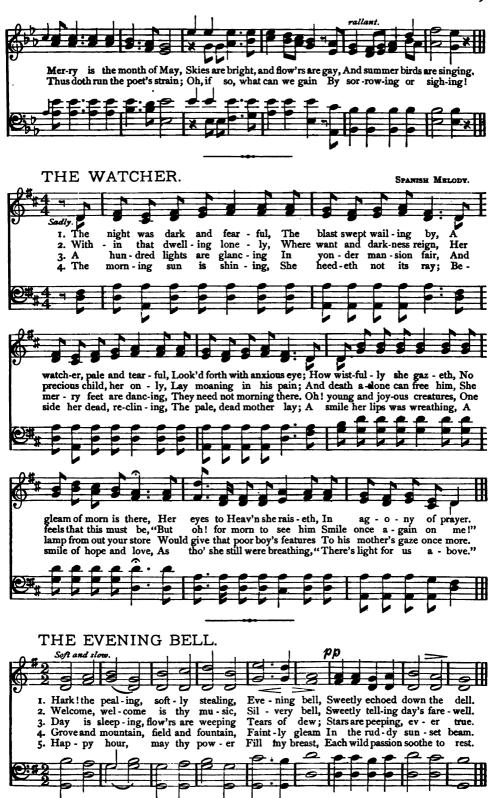




















What Dr. Johnson once said of devotional poetry—that it is always unsatisfactory, and that no man has written it well—has often been refuted by example since his time. In fact it was sufficiently refuted before, in the sacred songs of the Hebrews, and in the grand hymn which Milton puts into the mouths of our first parents while yet in Paradise, as they stood at the door of their bower in the glory of the morning. I might instance also, as a proof of its fallacy, the magnificent hymn with which Thomson closes his poem on the Seasons—magnificent in spite of its blemishes. The "Hymn before Sunrise in the Valley of Chamouny," by Coleridge, one of the noblest poems in our language,

or any other, needs only to be mentioned in order to show how great was Johnson's mistake. A great number of shorter poems designed to be sung in religious assemblies, of such decided merit as to show the perfect compatibility of poetry and worship, have been written since Johnson's time and incorporated into our collections of hymns, such as that of Cowper, beginning with "God moves in a mysterious way;" that of Sir Walter Scott, with this initial line, "When Israel, of the Lord beloved;" that of Mrs. Adams, beginning with "Nearer, my God, to thee;" the Christmas hymn of the Rev. Dr. Sears, and others, of which we might make up a list quite too long for the limits of this article. Of late the



attention of a large class of readers has been turned to devotional poetry, and numerous collections have been made to satisfy the demand for it—some by committees of religious denominations, and others by laymen on their own account. I do not include the Hebrew melodies of Byron in this enumeration, since they can scarcely be called devotional, Some of Moore's sacred songs may; and these are as well done as most of his other verses. But there is Keble, who has written largely and little else than poetry of a religious character, and who, if not always fervent, is always earnest and simple, and attains a certain classic dignity. The hymns of the Wes-

leys are of a warmer cast, and some of them have great literary merit, although Charles Wesley often yielded to his facility in composition, and diluted his verse too freely. That his hymns were frequently thrown off in moments of devotional enthusiasm is attested by their effect upon those who hear them sung at camp-meetings, when the throng of singers seem to catch inspiration from the words of the poet. To this stock of original poetry may be added the translations made within a few years, of the fine old mediæval hymns in Latin, well deserving by their simple grandeur to be domesticated in our language.—Wm. Callen Bryant.



EVERY great theme leads at last, somehow, to him who gives us the stature of a perfect man—Jesus Christ. There is a singular legend connected with the village of Eusserthal, in Switzerland, which takes its name from a convent that was once celebrated but has now disappeared. The choir of the church is still left, and is used as a place of worship. Large stories are told in the village of the enormous wealth of the convent, especially of a certain golden organ that once stood in the church, and was played during divine service. When the convent was on one occasion attacked, the first care of the monks was to secure this treasure. They

dragged it to a marsh which was formerly in the valley, and sank it as deep as they could. However, they had saved their treasure to no purpose, inasmuch as they were compelled to fly, and died in distant parts, while the convent fell to ruin. Every one is perfectly aware that the organ is still somewhere in the neighborhood of the church, but the precise spot where it lies is utterly unknown. Nevertheless, every seven years it ruses out of the depths at midnight, and its sublime tons are heard in the distance. Nothing is at all comparable to the gentle breathings of the golden pipes in the open air during the solemn stillness of night. Soon the



soft tones swell into mighty billows of sound, which rush through the narrow valley, until the noise again subsides, and ends with a light echo in the forest. But no one has ventured to obtain a sight of the organist who holds the music in his power, and thus the discovery of the treasure is reserved for the future. So the Spirit of God once filled the avenues of our humanity in the soul of Jesus, mysteriously born, mysteriously taken from the world—the golden organ of celestial truth and human capacity and infinite love. And so, though buried deep by the thick selfishness and injustice of this world, that music once heard on the open

day in far-off Palestine rises again and swells over the din of war, over crime, over slavery, over all hatreds and all wrong. We listen when its sweetness rolls thus, and rises and swells and sweeps, and we say that is truth, that is religion, that is the music to which our souls were attuned in heaven. Strive and pray, my brother, to bring your soul into chord with it, that it may in part be repeated through you, and widened beyond you, so that you may do something to help the world come into harmony with it, so that the very mountains shall break forth into singing and all the valleys shall be filled with joy.—Rev. T. Starr King.





The bud may have a bitter taste,

But sweet will be the flower.

God is his own interpreter,

And he will make it plain.

Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

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FAITH and hope and love are the only cternal things. These are the three eternal elements of man's being. Cultivate kindness of heart here and there. You must do this in reference to the good time coming. You must always be looking forward to something better. If we do not look forward, we fail in one of the requisites of immortal being. Hope and love and faith must be trained, or no man can come into closer relations with God. We must not keep religion for Sunday, and ignore it the other

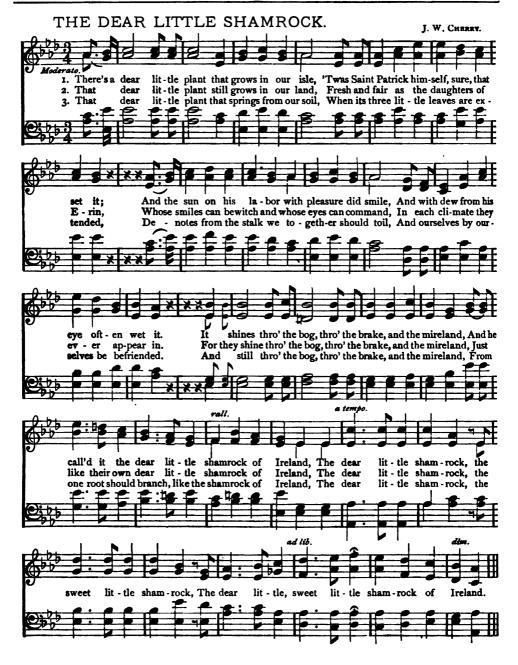
six days. We must saturate ourselves and our work with religion. God's children we are all the time. You can pull a boat, or practice at a piano, or take the baby to ride, with that same spirit with which an archangel goes to his duties. We should make life a joy, moving and being in God and for God. I have not spoken to you as students, but as children of a common Father, who gives us strength, and leads us, Jone step at a time, forward if we will, to the empire of perfect life.—Rev. Edward Everett Hale.





THE SHAMROCK, according to Bentham's British Flora, was originally the wood-sorrel. The ancient legend says that St. Patrick illustrated to the Irish king how three could be one by picking from the turf at his feet a three-leaved clover. The true shamrock those who have investigated believe to have been the Oxalis, which grows abundantly in our Northern States as well as in Ireland, of which the sour-grass eaten by children, Oxalis stricta, is a good representative. The British Druids and bards had an extraordinary veneration for the number three. The mistletoe was sacred to the Druids, because not only its berries but its leaves grow in clusters of three united to one stalk. The

Christian Irish hold the seamroy sacred in like manner. The seamroy is described as clover trefoil, worn by the Irish in their hats by way of a cross on St. Patrick's Day. Spenser, in his view of the state of Ireland, 1596, says the inhabitants were so reduced that if they found a plot of watercress or shamrocks there they flocked as if to a feast. The general impression is, a variety of clover that grows nowhere else but in the land of saints. Ireland produces but twelve varieties of Trifolium out of 131 varieties grown elsewhere. If the clover leaf is to be accepted as the true shamrock, preference must be given to Trifolium repens, common white clover, universal in all climates.









THE greatest triumphs of Castelar, the famous Spaniard, have been mainly achieved before the Spanish parliamentary assembly. He has long been the acknowledged first orator of that presence. Every deputy readily makes way for him. "Place to Castelar" is a motto of the assembly. His eloquence has been familiar to Spain now (1887) for twenty years, but it is still considered an event in Madrid to hear him speak. His friend, the Italian Edmonds de Amicis, in his "Spain and the Spaniards," has thus graphically described him as he appears before the Cortes: "On the day he is to speak . . . the President arranges matters so that his turn comes when the tribunes are

crowded and all the deputies are in their places; the newspapers announce his speech the evening before, so that the ladies may procure tickets. Before speaking he is restless and cannot keep quiet one instant. He enters the chamber, leaves it, re-enters, goes out again, wanders through the corridors, goes into the library and turns over the leaves of a book; rushes into the café to take a glass of water; seems to be seized with a fever; fancies he will not know how to put the words together, that he will be laughed at or hissed; not a single lucid idea of his speech remains in his head—he has confused and forgotten everything. 'How is your pulse?' his friends ask smilingly. When the solemn moment



arrives, he takes his place with bowed head, trembling and pallid as a man condemned to death, who is resigned to losing in a single day the glory acquired with so many years of fatigue. He gives a glance around him and says, 'Senores.' He is saved. His courage returns. His mind grows clear, and his speech comes back to him like a forgotten melody. The President, the Cortes, the tribunes disappear. He sees nothing but his gestures, hears nothing but his own voice, and feels naught but the irresistible flame which burns within him, and the mysterious force which sustains and upholds him." His eloquence is music; he has harmony in his mind and follows it. One must hear

him in order to credit the fact that human speech without poetical measure can so closely approach to the harmony of song. "He speaks by the hour, and not a single deputy leaves the room; not a person moves in the tribunes; not a voice interrupts him; not even when he breaks the regulations has the President sufficient courage to interrupt him. He displays at his ease the picture of his republic clothed in white and crowned with roses, and the monarchists do not dare protest, because, so clothed, they too find it beautiful. Castelar is master; he thunders, lightens, sings, rages, and gleams like fireworks, makes his auditors smile, calls forth shouts of enthusiasm, and goes away with his head in a whirl."



I THINK that every religious denomination has felt the need of some kind of guidance for religious thought, and some assistance toward putting into a becoming form the petitions and acknowledgments addressed to the Supreme Being. The Psalms of the Hebrew Scriptures are themselves compositions of this character—acts of praise or supplication, or expressions of humility and dependence upon the Source of all Good. There is no religious work, properly so called—for I leave polemics entirely out of the question—which does not, when read in proper temper, awaken a desire to reach a higher standard of virtue, a more complete abnegation of self, a warmer love for our fellow creatures—in short, a nearer resemblance in character to the founder of the Christian religion. As long as the human mind

occupies itself with those important subjects, its relation to God and the relations of men to each other under his government, books on religious subjects will be produced and published, and some of them will, of course, be the work of minds finely endowed by nature and cultivated and invigorated by study and reflectian. These writings, whether they are of the hortatory or meditative class, whether they take the form of prayer or precept, or that of hymns expressive of some religious emotion or religious truth, supply ample matter to be incorporated into a selection which shall form a daily companion for the devotions of the closet or the family, and which, by referring to the authors, remind us of the sympathies by which we are connected with all those of our generation who hold to the Christian faith. Dis-



tant as they may be from us in space, we bring them into communion with ourselves by adopting their words. It is hardly extravagant to say that in this manner they become sharers in our devotions, and impart to the most solitary of them somewhat of a social character. Devotion is no exception to those emotions which love to express themselves in verse. When to words aptly chosen is added the charm of measure and rhyme, and these are wedded to musical modulation, the highest and most moving expression of devotional feeling is attained. Wordsworth, in one of his prefaces, referring, I think, to Pope's Epistle of Eloisa to Abelard, remarks that by the power of verse Pope has contrived to render the plainest common sense interesting, and fre-

quently to invest it with the appearance of passion. It is thus with devotional poetry—the want of novelty in the thought is often compensated for by the melody of the versification, which lifts it out of the level of commonplace and deepens the impression made by it on the mind. The human mind, whatever creed it may hold, turns naturally and with strong impulse to an all-wise, all-powerful and supremely benignant Being, and is not satisfied without being in some way brought into communion with him. The unutterable yearning of the spirit to hold converse with the Creator, of which the apostle speaks, is not repressed even by those sceptical tendencies which pare down one's religious belief to the slenderest remnant of doctrine.—Wm. Cullen Bryant.



Open now the crystal fountain,!
 Whence the healing waters flow;
 Let the fiery, cloudy pillar,
 Lead me all my journey through:
 Strong Deliverer,
 Be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Bear me through the swelling current; Land me safe on Canaan's side: Songs of praises I will ever give to thee. THE matinee programme was made up of quiet things from Schumann, "Songs without words" from Mendelssohn, and like selections. But two names appeared upon it—those of Von Bulow and a singer unknown to us. "Thou'rt like unto a flower" was the one song announced—we can almost see the programme—and when it came it was but a single verse. But what a verse, as Lizzie Cronyn sang it to Von Bulow's accompaniment! Again and again—three times she sang it, until a sense of courtesy compelled the large audience to forbear further calls upon the singer. Twice afterwards we went a long distance to the great pianist's

concerts, in the hope of again hearing this one song. Each time she sang it again and again, to the delight of an appreciative audience. It is one of the perfect bits of work we recall, in a long experience of the concert and operatic stage, taking rank—in our enjoyment on first hearing it, and the pleasure with which we have since remembered it—along with Nilsson's "Angels ever bright and fair," Patti's "Home, sweet home," Scalchi's "It is better to laugh than be sighing," "The last rose of summer," as an Italian prima donna once sang it, and some other things, the memory of which is always pleasure unalloyed, a delight pure and simple.





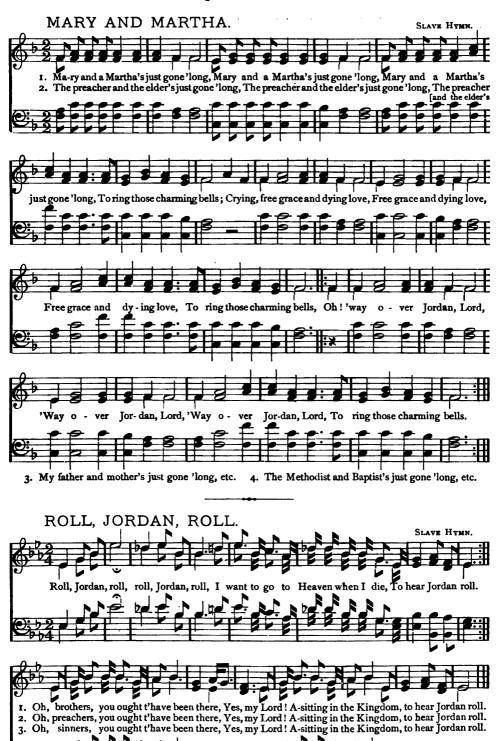
THIS extract is from Grillparzer's funeral sermon at the grave of Ludwig Von Beethoven, who was born in 1770 at Bonn, died at Vienna in 1827: As we stand here at the grave of Beethoven, we represent a whole nation mourning over his death. Yet he lives; and may he live long—the hero of song in the German tongue! The master of song, the heir of Handel and Bach, of Haydn and Mozart's immortal renown, has finished his earthly career; and, weeping, we stand by the broken strings of the harp. He was an artist, and that only through his art. Life's thorns wounded him deep, and, like the shipwrecked sailor striving to the shore, so he

rushed into thy arms, oh, mighty Art! And thou, good and true, like an excellent sister-comforter, yea, thou didst console him. Firmly he held to thee, and even after the door was locked through which thou didst enter to him, he still heard thy voice. And when blindness had overtaken him he still carried thy picture in his heart, and, when he died, it lay upon his breast. As an artist, who may stand beside him? From the cooing of a dove to the roll of the thunder, from the subtle intercession of capricious art to the formidable point where education comes into contact with the contending powers of nature, everything he seemed to



measure. Come, make a circle around his grave, and bestrew it with laurel. He was also a man in every sense of the word. Because he did not mingle with the world, they said he was hostile; because he failed to show perception, they judged him unfeeling. He who knows himself to be hard of heart will not fly; it is the over-measure of perception that avoids display of feeling. If he shunned the world it was because in the depths of his amiable nature there was no weapon to fight against the world. If he did not associate with the people, it was because, while he gave them everything, he wished nothing in return. He remained

alone, because he found no heart throb in close kinship to his own. So he lived, so he died, so will he live forever. But you—you who attend us here at his grave—a balm for your aching hearts. You have not lost, but won him. When the gate of life has closed behind us, and we reach the temple of immortality, we shall hope to find him there, still great among the greatest. Therefore, though we part in mourning, calm yourselves, and if ever in life, when overpowered by his divine harmonies, your tears shall flow, remember this hour, and think: "We were there as they laid him in his grave; and when he died we wept."



- 4. Oh, mourners, etc.
- 5. Oh, sisters, etc.
- 6. Oh, mothers, etc.
- 7. Oh, children, etc.

WHAT character, what infinite variety, belong to the voice! sometimes it is a flute, sometimes a triphammer; what range of force! In moments of clearer thought or deeper sympathy, the voice will attain a music and penetration which surprises the speaker as much as it does the auditor. The Persian poet Saadi, tells us that a person with a disagreeable voice was reading the Koran aloud, when a holy man, passing by, asked what was his monthly stipend. He answered "Nothing at all." "But why, then, do you take so much trouble?" He replied "I read for the sake of God." The other rejoined "For His sake, then do not read; for if you read the Koran in this manner you will destroy the splendor of Islamism." Then there are persons of natural fascination, with certain frankness, winning manners, almost endearments in their style; like Bouillon, who could almost persuade you that a quartan ague was wholesome; like Louis XI. of France, whom Commines praises for "the gift of managing all minds by his accent and the caresses of his speech;" like Galiani, Voltaire, Robert Burns, Barclay, Fox, and Henry Clay. What must have been the discourse of St. Bernard, when mothers hid their sons, wives their husbands, companions their friends, lest they should be led by his eloquence to join the monastery. It is said that one of the best readers of his time was John Quincy Adams. I have heard that no man could read the Bible with such powerful effect. I can easily believe it, though I never heard him speak in public until his fine voice was much broken by age. But the wonders he achieved with that cracked and disobedient organ showed its power in his earlier manhood—Emerson.





MENDELSSOHN, the favorite of the muses, was destined to enjoy the happiness of a sympathetic family life. Cecilia Jeanne, the youngest daughter of a reformed pastor in Frankfort-on-the-Main, a highly educated, graceful lady, became the wife of the amiable composer. Nothing is known about the influence of Mendelssohn's wife on his artistic career, for in musical questions Mendelssohn generally sought advice from his favorite sister Fanny, who was very talented. Some of the much admired "songs without words" were really composed by Fanny. They were published

under Mendelssohn's name, for she was too modest to publish them under her own. Fanny died suddenly while playing at the piano, and the news of her death so greatly affected her brother that he himself passed away six months later from strong nervous excitement. His deeply-grieved widow retired to her own home, and lived there only for the education of her children. She died in 1853, just after she had lost her son Felix.

"THE musician, and the orator," says Cecil, "in perhaps equal degree falls short of the full power of his science, if the hearer be left in possession of himself."





It is told of Dabshelim, the king, that his library was so large as to require a hundred brahmin to care for it, a thousand dromedaries to transport it. He ordered all useless matter weeded out, and after thirty years' labor it was reduced to the carrying capacity of thirty camels. Still appalled by the number of volumes, he ordered it condensed to a single dromedary load, and when the task was completed, age had crept upon him and death awaited him. The Bidpay offered to compress the whole into a minute's reading. He wrote:—I. The greater part of science consists of but a single word—

perhaps; the whole history of man contains but threeborn, suffered, died! 2. Love nothing but what is good, and do all thou lovest to do; think nothing but what is true, and speak not all thou thinkest. 3. O rulers! tame your passions, govern yourselves, and it will be child's play to govern the world. 4. O rulers! O people! it can never be repeated often enough that there is no happiness without virtue, no virtue without the fear of God.

IF I have the least faculty for anything in this world it is for teaching children, and making them good and perfectly happy going along. My whole principle is



that no government is of the least use except self-government, and the worst children will do right, if told which is right and wrong, and that they must act for themselves. Then I have a fashion, told me by a friend when Francesca was a baby; which is this—never see evil, but praise good; for instance, if children are untidy, do not find fault or appear to notice it, but the first time possible, praise them for being neat and fresh, and they will soon become so. I dare say you can account for this: I cannot, but I have tried it many times, and have never known it fail. Certain other instruction I limited to

paying my little friends for learning Dr. Watts' "Though I'm now in younger days," but I suppose that, like my system generally, is hopelessly old-fashioned. Very young children can learn this verse from it:

I'll not willingly offend, Nor be easily offended; What's amiss I'll strive to mend, And endure what can't be mended,

There was an old American sea captain who said hehad been many times round the world, making the voyage comfortably by the help of this verse.—John Ruskin.



But rapture and beauty they cannot recall. Oh, Erin mayourneen!—Erin go bragh!" \*

"Ireland, my darling, and Ireland forever!"

Dear land of my forefathers! Erin go bragh! Oh, buried and cold, when my heart stills its motion,

Green be thy fields, sweetest isle of the ocean,

And thy harp-striking bards sing aloud with devotion,

And where is the bosom friend, dearer than all?

Ah! my sad heart! long abandoned by pleasure, Why did it doat on a fast-fading treasure?

Tears, like the rain-drops, may fall without measure;

PRACTICE OF ACCENTS.—We must first find the unit of thought upon which time in music is based, before we can make an intelligent presentation of the idea to the mind. We find this to be the whole measure. But what is a measure? Dr. Lowell Mason says that "a measure is a portion of time;" but does this give us any tangible idea to present? We find a measure of music to be a group of accents, and no idea can be given through the eye. Through the senses of hearing and feeling, only, can the idea of the different forms of measure be conveyed to the mind.

The various effects in rhythm or time in music come from the varying accents; and the teaching of time simply resolves itself into practice of accents. This being the case, it becomes all-important that these accents should be definitely and distinctively named. Notes give us no idea of the length of sounds, and we shall gain no knowledge of time in music by learning their fractional names and values as notes. They represent pulsations or accents, and they should not be seen by the pupils until these pulsations or accents are established in the mind. Those who have taught



the fractional names of notes and rests and measured their values by set motions of the hand all their lives, will be slow to believe in a more effective and less complicated way of teaching this subject. A two-part measure is simply a strong accent followed by a weak one, and as soon as children are made to feel these regular, recurring strong and weak accents, they are prepared to sing intelligently in plain two-part measures. A three-part measure is simply one strong and two weak accents. A four-part measure consists of a strong accent followed by a weak one and another

less strong than the first, and followed by another weak one. A four-part measure is not two two-part measures united, nor a six-part measure two three-part measures. How can these various groups of accents be most clearly presented and named to the mind? Our appeal to the mind must be through the senses of hearing and feeling; we can only use the eye to assist in regulating the movement. The real objects to be taught in both time and tune are mental objects; no idea of them can be given through any picture or drawings that we can make to the eye.—H. E. Holt.



CABINET ORGAN.—The piano now has a rival in the United States in that fine instrument which has grown from the melodeon into the cabinet organ. seems to us peculiarly the instrument for men. We trust the time is at hand when it will be seen that it is not less desirable for boys to learn to play upon an instrument; and how much more a little skill in performing may do for a man than for a woman! A boy can hardly be a perfect savage, nor a man a mere money-maker, who has acquired sufficient command of an instrument to play upon it with pleasure. How often, when we have been listening to the swelling music of the cabinet organs at the warerooms of Mason and Hamlin, in Broadway, have we desired to put one of those instruments into every clerk's boarding-house room, and tell him to take all the ennui, and half the peril, out of his life by learning to play upon it! No business man who works as intensely as we do, can keep alive the celestial harmonies within him,—no, nor the early wrinkles from his face,—without some such pleasant mingling of bodily rest and mental exercise as playing upon an instru-The simplicity of the means by which music is produced from the cabinet organ is truly remarkable. It is called a "reed" instrument; which leads many to suppose that the canebrake is despoiled to procure its sound-giving apparatus. Not so. reed employed is nothing but a thin strip of brass with a tongue slit in it, the vibration of which causes the musical sound. One of the reeds, though it produces a volume of sound only surpassed by the pipes of an organ, weighs about an ounce, and can be carried in a vest-pocket. In fact, a cabinet organ is simply an accordion of immense power and improved



mechanism. Twenty years ago, one of our melodeon-makers chanced to observe that the accordion produced a better tone when it was drawn out than when it was pushed in; and this fact suggested the first great improvement in the melodeon. Before that time, the wind from the bellows, in all melodeons, was forced thro' the reeds. At this point of development, the instrument was taken up and covered with improvements, making it one of the most pleasing musical instruments in the possession of mankind. When we instruments in the possession of mankind. remarked above, that the American piano is the best in the world, we expressed only the opinion of others, but now that we assert the superiority of American cabinet organs over similar instruments made in London and Paris, we are communicating knowledge of our own. Indeed, the superiority is so marked that it is ap-

parent to the merest tyro in music. In the new towns of the great West, the cabinet organ is usually the first instrument of music to arrive, and, of late years, it takes its place with the piano in the fashionable drawing-rooms of the Atlantic States.—James Parton.

THE first effect of culture in its most popular form—scientific knowledge—is sometimes to unsettle faith and unchurch the souls of men. The remedy for this moral and religious unsettling lies, not in a cowardly retreat from knowledge, but in a manful advance into a larger knowledge. The higher up in the scale of humanity a people stands, the profounder its homage to the moral law. Fire the poet or painter or musician with the passion of patriotism, the enthusiasm of humanity, the worship of the infinite and eternal God, and you will get the work which shall prove immortal.—R. H. Newton.







The author of this sweetly simple and affecting song was William Laidlaw, for many years the steward and trusted friend of Sir Walter Scott. "Mr. Laidlaw," says Lockhart, "has not published many verses, but his song of 'Lucy's Flittin', a simple and pathetic picture of a poor Ettrick maiden's feelings on leaving a service where she had been happy, has long been, and must ever be, a favorite with all who understand

the delicacies of the Scottish dialect and the manners of the district in which the scene is laid." The air here given is that to which it is sung in Scotland. It is thoroughly Scotch in character, and well adapted to the sentiment which is the plaintive burden of the words. The lyric verse of Scotland is a contribution to the world's wealth of song that is unique in kind and unfailing in the charm of its delightful variety.



Yestreen, when he ga'e me't and saw I was sabbin'
I'll never forget the wae blink o' his e'e.
Though now he said naething but, Fare ye weel, Lucy!
It made me I neither could speak, hear, nor see:
He couldna say mair but just, "Fare ye weel, Lucy!"
Yet that I will mind till the day that I dee.

The bonny blue ribbon that Jamie ga'e me;

The hare likes the brake and the braird on the lea, But Lucy likes Jamie,—she turned and she lookit, She thought the dear place she would never mair see. Ah! weel may young Jamie gang dowie and cheerless, And weel may he greet on the bank o' the burn! His bonnie sweet Lucy, sae gentle and peerless, Lies cauld in her grave and will never return!

THE one instrument that comes nearest the voice in its ability to interpret musical expression is not the piano, but the violin. The piano is only an improved harp. Heretofore young girls have spent laborious years in learning how to play the piano, an accomplishment difficult to acquire, and requiring incessant practice to retain proficiency. But there has been a change lately that may make the violin as popular

among women as the piano has been. Thousands of girls are now learning how to finger the strings. The mastery of the violin is easier to obtain than that of the piano, and does not require so much strength of hand and wrist. The delicate fingering it involves is just what girls can more easily learn. It is no novelty for women, for the painters of the middle ages represented the angels as playing on viols as well as harps.



WHILE word-music appeals to our intellect through its force of representation, instrumental music appeals directly to the emotions. The former appears clad in shadowy generalities, and the latter arises in its primitive life-giving power. Music is of a lyrical nature, and therefore remains all-powerful where the expression of poetry ceases. Music can be an aid to poetry and can increase its effect on the ear and heart by means of melody, but it can also act independently, forming its theme from its own resources. In the former case it is hampered by the

text and must conform itself to the pace of the stream of words. Its compass of tone is prescribed and its liberty restricted thereby. Instrumental music stands alone in its unapproachable sovereignty. In its lyric nature it unfolds the most tender, mysterious feelings hidden in the inmost depths of the human heart. The orchestral instruments are the highest means through which the composer expresses his genius, as well as the purest utterances of his soul in tender or powerful strains, representing the same in the form of a symphony. While in the opera the combination of song,



poetry, decoration, acting, costumes, and orchestral effects produce an impression on the listener, and through their union take possession of the senses by their representations of the outer world, it is the sphere of pure instrumental music, of the symphony itself, to enter the recesses of the heart, and find an echo there where love, joy, friendship, sorrow, hope, and earnest striving reign supreme.—M. Steinhert.

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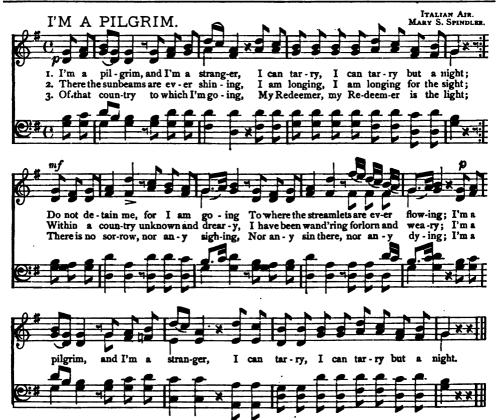
The author of "Three Fishers" was a noted poet, preacher and novelist of England. He was professor of modern history at Cambridge, afterwards Canon of

Westminster and chaplain to the Queen. He died in 1875. During his boyhood his father was rector of a small parish on the sea-coast, from which he had often seen the herring fleet put out to sea. On these occasions it was customary to hold a short but impressive religious service on the quay, at which not only the fishermen, but also their wives, sweethearts and children were present. Recalling this scene vividly, at the close of a weary day, he wrote this touching poem, whose beauty is enhanced by the plaintive air to which it has been set by John Hullah, an English composer of reputation.



But you have been longing, perhaps, all this time, to hear more about Lady Why; and why she set Madam How to make Bracknell's Meadows. My dear child, the only answer I dare give to that is: Whatever other purposes she may have made it for, she made it at least for this—that you and I should come to it this day, and look at it, and talk over it, and become thereby wiser and more earnest, and we will hope more humble and better people. Whatever else Lady Why may wish or not wish, this she wishes always—to make all men wise and all men good. For what is written in the Bible of her whom, as in a parable, I have called Lady Why? (Prov. 8: 22—32) That we can say, for it is said for us already. But beyond that we can say, and need say, very little. We were not there, as we read in the Book of Job, when God laid the foundations of the earth. "We see," says St. Paul, "as in a glass darkly, and only know

in part." "For who," he asks again, "has known the mind of the Lord, or who hath been His counsellor? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Therefore we must not rashly say, this or that is Why a thing has happened; nor invent what are called "final causes," which are not Lady Why herself, but only our little notions of what Lady Why has done, or rather what we should have done if we had been in her place. It is not, indeed, by thinking that we shall find out anything about Lady Why. She speaks not to our eyes or to our brains, like Madam How, but to that inner part of us which we call our hearts and spirits, and which will endure when eyes and brain are turned again to dust. If your heart be pure and sober, gentle and truthful, then Lady Why speaks to you without words, and tells you things which Madam How and all her pupils,



the men of science, can never tell. When you lie, it may be, on a painful sick-bed, but with your mother's hand in yours; when you sit by her, looking up into her loving eyes; when you gaze out towards the setting un, and fancy golden capes and islands in the clouds, and seas and lakes in the blue sky, and the infinite rest and peace of the far west sends rest and peace into your young heart, till you sit silent and happy, and know not why; when sweet music fills your heart with noble and tender instincts which need no thoughts or words; ay, even when you watch the raging thunder-storm, and feel it to be, in spite of its great awfulness, so beautiful that you cannot turn your eyes away: at such times as these Lady Why is speaking to your soul of souls, and saying, "My child, this world is a new place, and strange, and often terrible: but be not afraid. All will

come right at last. Rest will conquer restlessness; faith will conquer fear; order will conquer disorder; health will conquer sickness; joy will conquer sorrow; pleasure will conquer pain; Life will conquer Death; Right will conquer Wrong. All will be well at last. Keep your soul and body pure, humble, busy, pious—in one word, be good: and ere you die, or after you die, you may have some glimpse of Me, the Everlasting Why; and hear with the ears, not of your body but of your spirit, men and all rational beings, plants and animals, ay, the very stones beneath your feet, the clouds above your head, the planets and the suns away in farthest space, as they shine, singing eternally, 'Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.'"—Charles Kingsley.



THE presenting of the best hymns to the congregation in such a way as to give them their highest effect is a matter that concerns ministers as well as church or parish committees who select the books. The effect of the very best hymns depends materially on the appropriateness of the time and manner of their use. Every pastor who would make the most of the instruments at his command should habitually select his hymns with the utmost care, so adjusting the several parts of the service to each other that no incongruity may appear, but that, while all shall not say the same things, all shall breathe the same spirit, and conspire to produce the desired result. Then, the service, instead of appearing disjointed and fragmentary, will interest and satisfy by its unity, and be like a noble anthem that, from first to last, rises in interest and impression. On

the reading, too, as well as the selection, very much of the power of hymns will depend. We will not insist that every hymn in every service should be read by the minister; but to omit the reading altogether, as the manner of some is coming to be, we are persuaded is a decided loss. If, indeed, a clergyman does not know how to read a hymn and cannot learn, he does well simply to announce it; but, by the good reading of a hymn, the congregation, even with books in hand, will be enabled by the accent and emphasis and intonation of the reader the better to enter into the spirit and meaning of the piece, and will be more likely to sing it with more heartiness and effect. Many eminent preachers have been scarcely less famous for the impression made on their audiences by their reading of the hymn than by that of the sermon itself. This was true, for in-



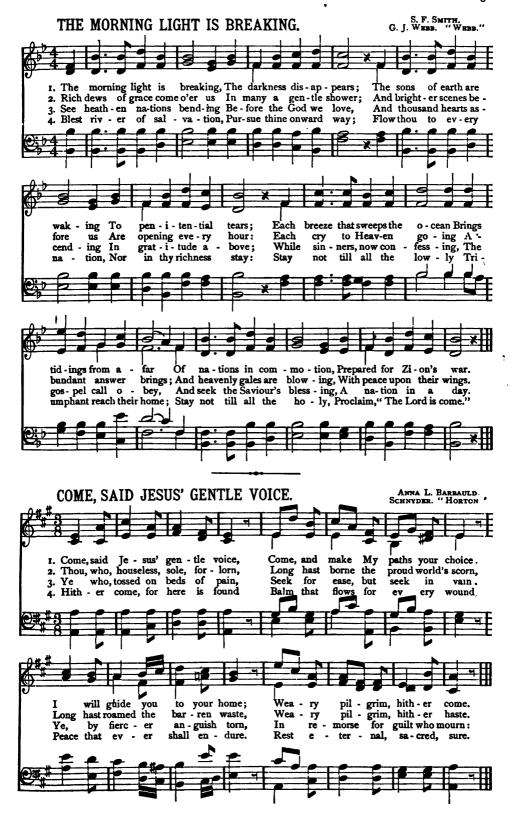
stance, in the case of Dr. Nettleton, and more eminently of Dr. Edward D. Griffin. Hardly any one who ever heard the latter read, as he was fond of doing,

What equal honors shall we bring To thee, O Lord, our God, the Lamb?

or the magnificent hymn, which was another of his favorites, "Sing to the Lord who built the skies," could forget the powerful impression made, or ever see either of the hymns again without feeling it, in some degree, come back. It was not the effect of any rhetorical trick, but of the sympathetic power of a great, warm heart, that received into itself the whole sentiment and spirit of what was read, and, by a voice long and carefully cultivated, poured it forth on the audience with a pathos that was pre-eminently moving. The minister who selects each Sabbath, from one of the best manuals, the

hymns best suited to the occasion, and then reads them in such manner as to convey their force and meaning, will add greatly to the interest and the salutary influence of this part of public worship.—Rev. Ray Palmer.

THE music of the Sunday-school should be one of its greatest levers of power, for pleasant singing is undoubtedly more potent in its appeal to heart and mind than pleasant speaking; but to fulfill this mission Sunday-school hymns should be an educational force, and convey lessons which are dignified and noble. Luther used music as one of his strongest aids; so did the early Fathers of the Church. The latter used its influence so strongly that the Emperor Julian "the Apostate" tried to found Pagan singing-schools which should counteract its influence, and bring good hymn-singing to the service of heathen deities.



BOOK OF NATURE.—All children should settle in their own minds whether they will be Eyes or No Eyes; whether they will see for themselves, or let other people look for them, or pretend to look and dupe them and lead them about—the blind leading the blind, till both fall into the ditch. God has given you eyes and it is your duty to use them. If your parents tried to teach you in the most agreeable way by beautiful picturebooks, would it not be ungrateful and wrong to shut your eyes and refuse to learn? Then is it not altogether wrong to refuse to learn from your Father in Heaven, the great God, who made all things, when he offers to teach you all day long by the most beautiful and wonderful of all picture-books, which is simply all things that you can see, hear and touch, from the sun and stars above your head to the mosses and insects at your feet? It is your duty to learn His lessons. God's

Book, which is the Universe, and the reading of God's Book, which is Science, can do nothing but good, and teach you nothing but truth and wisdom. God did not put this wondrous world about your young souls to tempt or mislead them. So, use your eyes, your senses and your brains, and learn what God is trying to teach you by them. I do not mean that you must stop there and There are things which neither learn nothing more. your senses nor your brains can tell you; and they are not only more glorious, but actually more true and more real than any things which you can see or touch. But you must begin at the beginning, and the more you try to understand things the more you will be able hereafter to understand men, and that which is above men. You begin to find out that truly Divine mystery that you have a mother on earth, simply by lying soft and warm upon her bosom: and so it is by watching the common



natural things around you, and considering the lilies how they grow, that you will begin at least to learn that far Diviner mystery—that you have a Father in Heaven. So you will be delivered out of the tyranny of darkness and fear, into God's free kingdom of light and faith and love; and will be safe from the venom of that tree which was planted long ago, and grows in all lands and climes, whose name is the Tree of Unreason, whose roots are conceit and ignorance and its juices folly and death. It drops its venom into the finest brains, making them call sense nonsense. It drops its venom into tenderest hearts, and makes them call wrong right, and love cruelty; but any little child who will use the faculties God has given him, may find an antidote to all its poison in the meanest herb beneath his feet.—Charles Kingsley.

MOZART and Haydn being at a party, the former laid a wager with the latter that he could not play at sight a piece of music which he (Mozart) would compose. Haydn accepted the challenge, and Mozart speedily wrote down a few notes and presented them to Haydn, who, having played a prelude, exclaimed,: "How do you think I can play that? My hands are at each extremity of the piano, and there is at the same time a note in the middle." "Does that stop you?" said Mozart; "well, you shall see me do it." On coming to the difficult passage, Mozart, without stopping, struck the note in the middle of the piano with his nose; and every one naturally burst out laughing. What made the act more ridiculous was that Haydn had a flat nose, while that of Mozart was prominent, well adapted for such notes.



EXPRESSION is what gives to music its paramount charm. Let vocalist and performer but vocalist especially,—and the remark extends to choral singing as well—consider, first, what is the central idea or feeling of what he is going to sing or play; let him try to throw himself into the mental attitude of the author of the words or music, as it may happen. Having once mastered that, let him then study the individualities or phrases by which that idea or feeling has been expressed, and if he is to sing, let him read and reread the words till he is able to give them their due articulation and balance. All this done, then let him take up the music and see how he may best clothe the dominant thoughts and varying shades of suggestion with sound, keeping at the same time sound ever sub-

servient to the sense. Thus, and thus only, will the practice of music, especially of song, be profitable to the performer himself, or bring home to the hearer's heart or mind what the author intended.—Sir Theodore Martin.

THE older pastoral love-songs generally represent lovers as shepherds and shepherdesses, billing and cooing amid their sheep, by the side of purling brooks. The pastoral mania lasted for a long time; next came the rural songs, which were of a higher class; the pleasures and enjoyments of country life affording themes for many songs, because descriptions of natural scenery intermingled with those sentiments and feelings which they naturally prompt; gayety to the gay, and sadness to the sad, are inspiring to the lyrist. The songs of the succeeding age, like those which



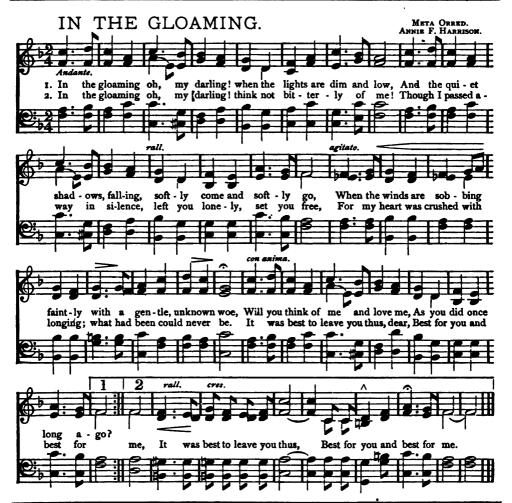
charmed our forefathers, and which to-day charm ourselves, draw largely from this source. Sympathy exists only when music answers to the spirit. "Give not a merry song to a heavy heart," although, indeed, you may give a grave strain to a light one. If rightly used, music is the medicine of an afflicted mind. Joy is heightened by exultant strains, but grief is eased only by such as are low, soft, and comforting. A sweet, sad measure is the balm of a wounded spirit. "Let there be no noise made, unless some hand of skill will whisper music to my weary spirit." Music lightens toil; the sailor pulls more cheerfully for his song; and even the slave feels in singing that he is a man. In our forms of labor in this country we have not enough of the lyric sentiment. Most of our work

is done in silence, and we hear few of those songs at the milking hour which render such seasons in Europe rich in pastoral and poetical associations. We too seldom hear the ploughman's whistle ringing over the field with a buoyant hilarity; we have no choruses of reapers, and, until the Grangers held meetings for improvement, no merry harvest feasts. "Music exalts each joy, allays each grief, expels diseases—softens every pain, subdues the rage of passion and of plague." Music in social intercourse brings people more into sympathy with one another. A good musical instrument, a violin, piano-forte, or organ, is often not less needed to soothe the ruffled spirit of a company than was the harp of David to calm down the fiend in the turbulent breast of Saul,—Moore.



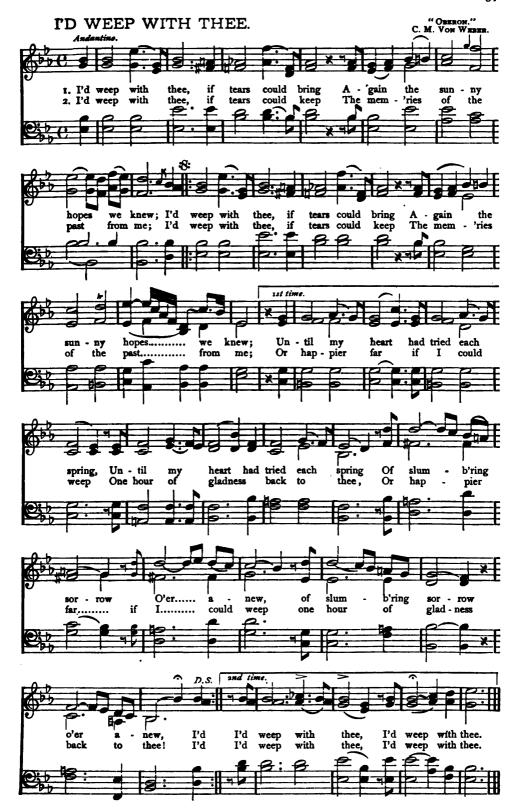
THE "scold" has gone out, says some one, and the old laws for "ducking" and other penance are as dead as Pharoah. This is partly true. The anti-cruelty societies still find some angrily-abusive women, who make life a long fear and tremble for little children; but these are generally drunkards and do more than scold. The "brawling woman in a wide house," who scolded for something to do, is pretty nearly extinct. The complaining woman reigns in her stead. She frets and she worries, and she is never quite comfortable. She is gentle in her tone, and there is all the difference between her and the old-fashioned scold that there is between a thunderstorm and a dusty

street. The electric disturbance does end and is over for a half-a-day or week, but the dust pervades you, chokes you, irritates your eyes and spoils the prospect all along. So does the woman who generally complains for want of something to do. Busy women are not the chronic grumblers—they are too interested in matters out of themselves. The complaining women are really not in trouble about the day's mishaps, because the seats are on the sunny side, or the lunch-basket is forgot, or little Ned has torn his trousers. It is their own enormous sense of self that is the lens through which they look. If they looked not for themselves, but for the rest of the world, they would



be so cheerful upon pretzels that nobody would remember the baskets; they would keep tempers all cool and steadied on their side of the cars; they would make the trip pleasant for the children, no matter what had happened to the clothes. The scold was bad; the complaining creatures are less vulgar and noisy, but they make life even more miserable. What a good gift it is to have a voice in the right key! a voice that does not wail or whine. As a part of the study of music, why is the speaking voice neglected? The school-child is told to speak up. Its mother might often be told to speak down—that is to let the fret out of her tones. It is not easy to control the

complaint habit, but a good beginning is to train the voice to cheerful notes—the round, comfortable English vowels instead of the flat whining that so many Americans fall into with their mother-tongue. We have lost also the curious undulations, so to speak, of the English voice. They are quaintly cheerful in their effect, sometimes inspiriting, sometimes soothing, and in comfortable amplitude of tone. You may grumble and threaten in good island English, but you can hardly whine or complain. It is the whining tone that spoils life, even if it be only on the surface. Get your voice into training for cheerfulness. It is certainly more economical and useful than any other music lesson.



I SHALL never forget my own first impression of the morning song of the famed English skylark. I had risen with the sun, and had wandered off alone over the hills surrounding the old city of Winchester and its grand cathedral. The rays of the rising sun had changed the dew-drops into diamonds, and the early breeze had awakened the lark both to song and to flight, for as this almost spirit-bird begins to sing it commences also mounting upon its wings, and mounting it continues to sing, and singing it continues to

mount higher and still higher, as if it had truly bid adieu to earth, as Jeremy Taylor has it, and had gone to mingle with the choirs of heaven. At last I could no longer see the bird. Its form was entirely lost to my vision, but its song was still heard; its glad notes still came floating down from heaven, like the music of an angel, and charmed my heart the more since my eye could no longer discern the singer. Such is the song of a holy life; for the Christian, as he commences the song of the new life, commences his up-



ward course, and his song grows sweeter as he rises; and it is never so sweet, so moving so attractive, as when the singer is lost to human vision, and the notes come floating down to us from the upper spirit-world. Listen! Can we not even now hear some notes of the life-song of a departed loved one? As the heart discerns the spirit strains are there not awakened within us kindred harmonies? They tell us that when two lutes are attuned to the same key, and placed near

each other, and one is struck, the other sends forth tones of kindred harmony. May not our spirits be thus so nearly attuned to the same key with those of our loved ones who have gone before to Heaven, and may we not draw so near to them in spiritual union and sympathy, that, even while we are yet upon the earth, our souls may send forth occasional strains, at least, of that song which fills all hearts and occupies all voices in the choirs of the redeemed?—Rev. F. S. Holme.







When God, says Bunyan, would tune a soul, He most commonly begins at the lowest note. So has it been in the tuning of the world's wide discords. In the depths of the great atonement God has sounded the lowest note, and to this every life lived during the last eighteen hundred years in harmony with Him has been attuned. . It is ever the anguish endured and not the glory attained which touches all the finest, deepest chords of the renewed nature. There is proof of this in the fact that the dying believer seems to care comparatively little for the joys

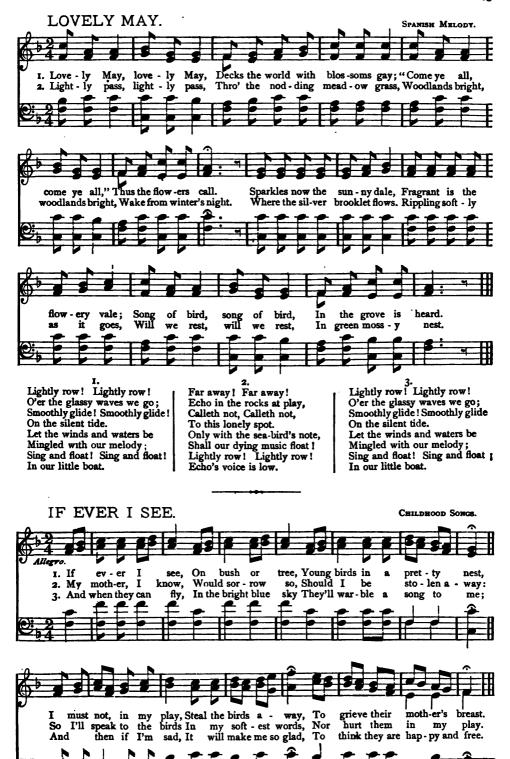
and glories of Heaven, beautiful as many of these are, it is to the Cross not to the Crown, that the last look turns, the lingering grasp cleaves; and the latest conscious effort of the believer in this closing hour of life is sometimes to lift himself to Him who was lifted up, through the half-instinctive repetition of some words like those of Gerhardt's Hymn on the Passion, "O Sacred Head Once Wounded," the grandest of uninspired compositions.—Patience of Hope.

WE love Music for the garnered memories, the tender feelings it can summon at a touch.—L. E. Landon.



THE Canadian Boat Song was written by Thomas Moore, on his journey down the St. Lawrence. He says: "I wrote the words to an air which the boatmen sang to us very frequently. Our voyagers had good voices, and sang perfectly in tune together. The original words of the air seemed a long, incoherent story, of which I could understand little. Without the charm which association gives to every little memorial of scenes or feelings that are past, the melody may, perhaps, be thought common or trifling; but I remember

when we have entered at sunset, upon one of those beautiful lakes into which the St. Lawrence so grandly and unexpectedly opens, I have heard this simple air with a pleasure which the finest compositions of the first masters have never given me; and now there is not a note of it which does not recall to my memory the dip of our oars in the river St. Lawrence, the flight of our boat down the swift rapids, and all those new and fanciful impressions to which my heart was alive during the whole of this very interesting voyage."







"In the Italian and French operas, which, until Wagner's day, had been played throughout Germany, the whole stress is laid on the arias which the various artists are to sing. People go to such an opera to be amused, and, after hearing it, give no thought to the libretto nor to the composer, but talk only of the singers' voices; the opera itself is of little consequence; the people are only concerned with the singers. The artists themselves look upon the operas simply as opportunities to show their voices to the best possible advantage. Wagner believed that an opera should have a noble aim; so in everything he

has given us there is some divine struggle going on between the characters of right and wrong, in which the right triumphs. As the contest progresses, we ourselves are lost in the characters before us; our noblest feelings are aroused and strengthened, Wagner believed, furthermore, that the subject and words of an opera were not less important than the music; and he has expanded as much of his own spirit in writing the librettos of his operas as he has poured into his music. No note of the music is for show; every one interprets some word or idea that is in the words; and every thought and act of the character



is interpreted in the music, even if it be so insignificant a circumstance as jumping up a bank or running down a flight of steps. The performers, too, are expected to love their work, and to sink themselves in their parts; they must cease to be themselves and be the characters they represent. So that in one of Wagner's operas, every one down to the smallest person connected with it, seems necessary to its production; poet, musician, artists, orchestra—all are great, for each can say, 'But for me this could not be!'"

If the young are taught frivolity in Sunday-school music, it is certain that the congregational singing of the future will suffer. We must use the element of music in the Sunday-school precisely as Luther used it in his chorales, not discarding any melody because it is popular, but only when it is unfitted to the dignity and sacred character of the words. Music improperly used—that is, by wedding a sacred subject to an ireverent tune—becomes a power for evil, by divesting its subject of the sanctity which should surround it







How different is peace from happiness! Happiness is the result of harmony between our wants as creatures and the world without; peace is the harmony between us as spiritual beings and the Father of our spirits. The one is as changeable as the objects of circumstances on which it for the moment relies: the other is as unchangeable as the God on whom it eternally rests. We may thus possess at once real happiness and real peace; yet either may exist without the other. Nay more, happiness may be destroyed by God in order that the higher blessing of peace may be possessed; but never will he take away peace to give happiness! Happiness without peace is temporal, but peace along with happiness, that indeed is eternal.—Norman Macleod.

ONE of our best-known American poets, though grieving over the fact, says that our people "have not generally agreeable voices." Is it because they are

wanting in the sense of hearing, and that they do not dream of the discordant sounds they produce? or is it the fault in the interior fountain of harmony—in the want of that ideality which will brook nothing ungentle and harsh in the tones with which we greet our friends and acquaintances? Much as we may regret to do so, we cannot deny that the latter view of the case is the more just of the two. A musical instrument, when it is out of order, is relegated to the garret until it can be tuned. A voice not agreeable should be heard as little as possible. When the mind is disturbed by unpleasant thoughts, or the heart convulsed with ungracious emotions, the voice is sure to betray the unhappy conditions. No one needs to go out of his way to prove this. When peace and joy have stamped their seal upon the heart, how musical and sympathetic the tones of the voice! Has not skepticism something to do with



the "voices at once thin and stridulent—acidulous enough to produce effervescence with alkalies, and stridulent enough to sing duets with the katydids?"—to quote Dr. Holmes. Resistance, controversy, standing up for our rights, is the keynote of all. Submission, diffidence in self, concession to the claims of others, are as foreign to such dispositions as richness and sweetness is to their speech. The Angelus is said, but its beautiful lesson is unlearned. We read "Evangeline," and of the ethereal beauty which

Shone on her face and encircled her form when, after confession, Homeward serenely she walk'd with God's benediction upon her, When she had passed, it seemed like the ceasing of exquisite music:

and yet are no less combative; no less ill at ease; no less determined to resent, and alas! to revenge the

wrongs suffered or fancied. Our prayers, our choice reading, are without avail. And the harshness that has found a den in the soul comes forth; the harmless air is obliged to echo the burden of complaint-bitter, cold and repulsive, as the fierce northern blast of winter. Happy youth! guileless adventurer in the realm of possibility! you are but just now starting on your way. You can shun the dangerous, unholy paths, that have destroyed the hopes of so many. Your flexible natures, by the power of worthy habit, can become amiable, affectionate, self-denying. The rasping, sharp, rude tones will leave your voice. They must, to harmonize with your soul; for if the "eyes are the windows to the soul," the kindly voice is the passport to the heart,—an "open sesame" the wide world over. It must be prized as such, and every effort to acquire it be resolutely made.



MANY people fancy that to conduct an orchestra, one needs only to take a stick and beat time. Sometimes this may be sufficient, but in such cases without any such direction at all the band would go on as the German street bands do, without any conductor. Thus I have seen Mme. Trebelli conduct a chorus in St. James' Hall; and certainly this amiable artist stands too high in her profession to aspire to what is not her business. So the Viscountess Folkestone certainly accomplished a more difficult task in training a number of young ladies, and forming a stringed orchestra, which under her able guidance perform not very dif-

ficult, but very pleasing pieces with a wonderful dash. I do not think that one member of the whole orchestra is as old as twenty-five years—and a remarkable ensemble. But if it came to playing great and difficult scores, the reading of which is always of much difficulty, the judging of the right movement, the entry of instruments that have sometimes fifty, sixty bars to count, and the look at the conductor's eye toguide them at the precise moment of entry—when it comes to making the orchestra understand and execute the intentions of the composer, then it is that the great conductor shows the stuff he is made of.



How often have I seen Berlioz—and this is what I meant when alluding to his nerves—jumping down from the conductor's desk, pouncing upon the clarionets, and exclaiming: "Your two instruments are not in tune." Then each of them gave his A, when with unfailing certainty not only did he perceive an infinitesimal difference, but instantly told them, there and then, how to remedy it. It happened in our days to one of the greatest conductors living, Hans Richter, that the orchestra, when he first led it, meant to play him some pranks, for, be it known, that is just what orchestras in general are mostly inclined to do. The

moment a new conductor comes before them they try any sort of trick to see how he will get out of it. The first thing that happened was that the hornist played a passage badly, and when Richter remonstrated he very obligingly said: "Perhaps you would not mind showing me what I am to do?" "With pleasure," said Richter, as he took the horn out of his hands, and showed him. After he had done so to several other instruments, they were satisfied as to what they wanted to know, and now it is sufficient for him to lift his hand; they understand and instantly endeavor to carry out his instructions.—Temple Bar.







Vocal music has already assumed a somewhat exalted position in some schools, and yet in scarcely any have its merits been fully estimated. It is, indeed, a comparatively short time since school-room songs were a novelty; and we can well remember that those who first favored their introduction were strongly censured by parents and others. It was regarded by many as a monstrous innovation. For children to go to school, term after term, and sit, aching, on wretched seats, in still more wretched school-houses, caused no regret, because such penance seemed to be an essential part of school life; but for school-boys and school-girls to

sing—who ever heard of the like? It was a great waste of time; and, moreover, it caused the little ones to be happy, and for a brief time to forget their aches, which, it was thought, would be a perversion of the object of schools. Such was the feeling very generally. But a pleasant change has come "over all the land;" and now the joyous songs of merry pupils may be heard in a very large number of our best schools, alike promoting their happiness and cheering them on in the performance of the less agreeable duties of the school-room, and meeting the approval of all kind and intelligent people. Though we cannot sing—our school days



having been passed all too early for receiving any instruction in singing—we would strongly advocate the teaching of music in our schools. It is a good disciplinary exercise, and its indulgence always tends to give an air of cheerfulness to the school-room. But we would have the songs, and the sentiment of the songs, of a truly pure and elevating character. We have no partiality for the practice of having lessons and recitations set to music. This we think a perversion of the object. We fully agree with Lowell Mason, whose name has become so intimately connected with the

music of our land, when he says: "Music's highest and best influence is of a moral nature; and the introduction into schools of such songs as tend to mere levity, frolic, or idle mirth, or such as are low, coarse, or vulgar in thought or in language, or such as contain equivocal or ambiguous expressions, suggestive of evil, is most deeply to be regretted."—Chas. Northend.

GRASSINI was the first female singer who appeared in the Italian theatre with a contratto voice, that part having been previously taken by men. Her tones, tho' purely feminine, were thought too low for a woman.



Some fifty years ago that eminent minister, the Rev. Cæsar Malan, of Geneva, was a guest of the Elliots, a well-to-do family in the West End of London. One evening, in conversation with the daughter Charlotte, he wished to know if she was a Christian. The young lady resented the question, and told him that religion was a matter which she did not wish to discuss. Mr. Malan replied, with his usual sweetness of manner, that he would not pursue the subject then if it displeased her, but he would pray that she might "give her heart to Christ, and become a useful worker for Him." Several days afterward the young lady apologized for her abrupt treatment of the minister, and confessed that his question and his parting remark had troubled her. "But I do not know how to find Christ," she said. "I want you to

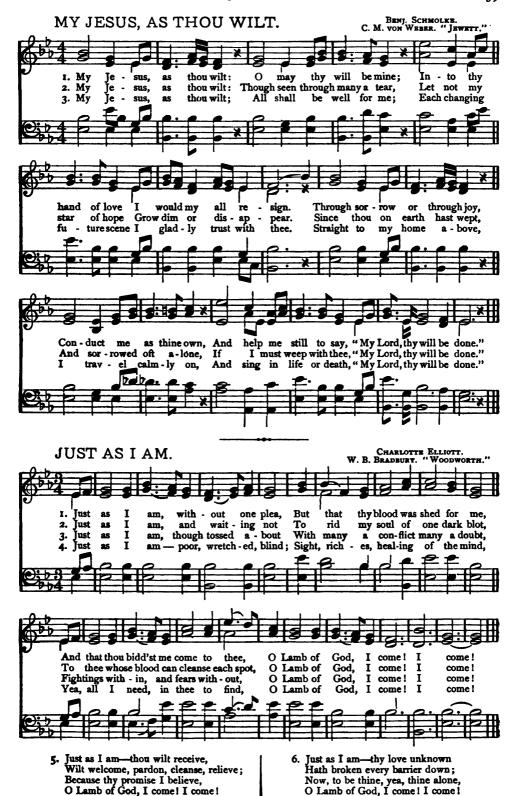
help me." "Come to Him just as you are," said Mr. Malan. He little thought that one day that simple reply would be repeated in song by the whole Chris-Further advice resulted in opening tian world. Charlotte's mind to spiritual light, and her life of devout activity and faith began. She possessed literary gifts, and having assumed the charge of The Yearly Remembrancer on the death of its editor, she inserted several original poems (without her name) in making up her first number. One of her poems was the old familiar hymn, "Just as I am, without one plea." The words of Pastor Malan, realized in her own experience, were of course the writer's inspiration. Beginning thus its public history in the columns of an unpretending religious magazine, the little anonymous hymn, with its sweet counsel to troubled



minds, found its way into devout persons' scrapbooks, then into religious circles and chapel assemblies, and finally into the hymnals of the "church universal." Some time after its publication a philanthropic
lady, struck by its beauty and spiritual value, rightly
supposing it must impress others as herself, had it
printed on a leaflet and sent for circulation through
the cities and towns of the kingdom, and in connection with this an incident at an English wateringplace seems to have first revealed its authorship to
the world. Miss Elliott, being in feeble health, was
staying at Torquay, in Devonshire, under the care of
an eminent physician. One day the doctor, who was
an earnest Christian man, placed one of these floating leaflets in his patient's hands, saying he felt sure

she would like it. The surprise and pleasure were mutual when she recognized her own hymn, and he discovered that she was its author. The Rev. Duncan Morrison, from whom we gather the above facts, sends a Latin translation of Charlotte Elliot's hymn to the *Montreal Witness*, and he says of it, "Perhaps there is no hymn in the language that has been more blessed in the raising up of those who are bowed down. Its history has been wonderful. It is surely a leaf from the tree of life for the healing of the nations."

CHRISTIAN faith is a grand cathedral with divinely-pictured windows. Standing without you see no glory, nor possibly can imagine any standing within every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors.—Hawthorne, "Marble Faux."





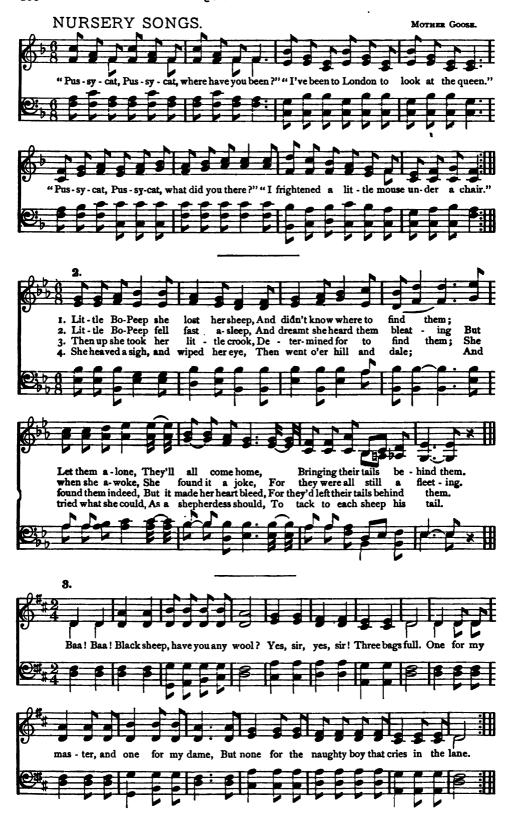












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All the King's horses and all the King's men, Couldn't put Humpty to - geth - er





4. All that hath beauty both of earth and Heaven Only is of Him the sign.

No friend, so saintly, more precious can be: For Thou art fairer, Jesus mine!

5. Jesus is truly loved by us most highly, Jesus is the chiefly Blessed. Jesus, we pray Thee, be with us kindly, Till, up with Thee, we come to rest.



Shout, ye little flock, and blest, You on Jesus' throne shall rest: There your seat is now prepared-There your kingdom and reward.

Fear not, brethren, joyful stand On the borders of your land; Jesus Christ, your Father's Son, Bids you undismayed go on.

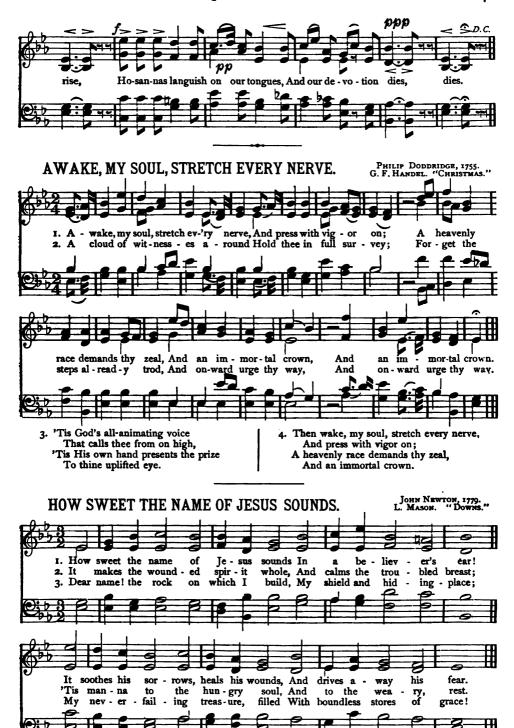
Lord, submissive make us go, Gladly leaving all below; Only Thou our leader be, And we still will follow Thee.

At Thy feet we humbly bow; Oh! do not our suit disdain;-Shall we seek thee, Lord, in vain? | Full salvation to each heart.

Lord! we come before Thee now: | Send some message from Thy word, | Comfort those who weep and mourn, That may joy and peace afford; Let Thy Spirit now impart,

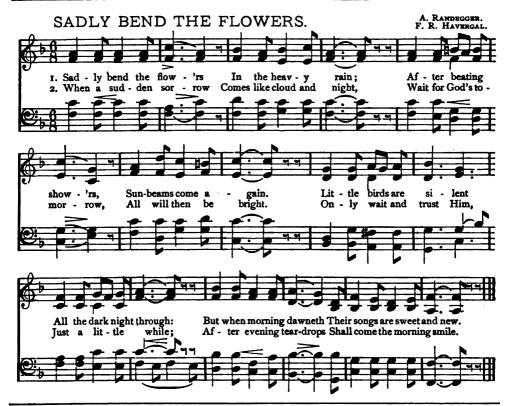
Let the time of joy return; Heal the sick, the captive free. Let us all rejoice in Thee.





- Jesus, my Shepherd, Saviour, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring!
- I would Thy boundless love proclaim With every fleeting breath;
   So shall the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death.

A KING, both good and great, gave a poor man a cautiful house. There was frequent danger of robbeautiful house. bers and evil beasts, and he gave two soldiers as keepers and guards of the house, with two other strong men; when there was no danger the four worked for the poor man. The house had a wonderful door, with an Æolian harp in it, so that very beautiful music came from it when the wind blew through it, and just inside the door was a still more wonderful musical instrument that gave forth a great variety of sounds. The windows of the house were very carefully made, each had a beautiful curtain that was let down every night. Everything in the house was as wonderful as it was convenient. The King had arranged everything about it-then he freely gave it to the poor man as his A little while after this when he came and knocked and the poor man looked out and saw who it was, he said to himself, "If I let him in, he'll stop the frolic we are having, and besides I am too busy to-day." So he kept the house fastened and cried from within, "Come again to-morrow." His benefactor felt hurt at such treatment, but he came again and again, each day the poor man saying to himself, "I'm not ready yet," and crying from within, "To-morrow."
At length, the King went away very sad, and never came again. As time passed on, the keepers of the house began to tremble with fear, and the strong men were bowed with weakness; the grinding-stones were seldom heard, and the music was faint and sad; the curtains were partly down in the windows, and the door was always shut, the leaves withered, and dark clouds hung over the sky. One morning the keepers and the strong men were found dead; the door locked, the curtains wholly down, the music ended, the golden bowl and the pitcher broken, and the silver cord loosened forever. This great and good King is the



The house which he gives is the human body. The keepers (Eccles. 12: 1-7) are the hands; the strong men, the legs; the grinders are the teeth, the door is the mouth; the wonderful musical instrument is the voice; the windows are the eyes; the silver cord, the spinal cord; the golden bowl, the top of the skull; the pitcher and wheel, the lungs; the cistern and fountain, the heart; the clear skies represent the happiness of childhood and youth, when the house is new; and the long home is the grave. The Lord made this house and has given it to each of us. He comes and says he will live with us, and protect us, and make us happy, here and hereafter. If we reject his wondrous offer, the evil days will surely come when he will knock no more; when the hands tremble and the legs bow themselves with age, and the voice becomes low, and the eyes are darkened, and the hair is white as

the almond blossom. At last the brain will cease to think, the lungs and heart will be stilled in death, and we will go alone into the Spirit world, with no glad prospect of a home of endless happiness amid the many mansions of the King. Let it not be so with any of us, but while he knocks at our hearts and waits, may we heed the words, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." . . It adds to the interest of the children, while singing "Our Wonderful House," to touch certain parts of the body symbolized, when this can be appropriately done. One of the most effective things of the kind, that we have heard, was the recitation of these stanzas, with appropriate gesture and all the unconscious grace of childhood, in the study at home, by a little girl not yet able to speak distinctly. Eyes were suffused with quick tears, and voices husky with emotion spake brief approval when she had ended.



A fountain is in the house; A pitcher lies at hand; And strong men God has given To bear me over the land. The keepers must work for God, The harp must sing his praise; The windows look to heaven, The strong men walk his ways. And when this house shall fall, As death at last shall come, The good will have a better house Above in Jesus' home. THE IDEAL HOME.—The ideal home beautiful is attained rather by avoiding errors of taste than by the adoption of special dogmas of art. For my own part, if I have any dogmas to preach they may fairly be condensed in this one rule: "Avoid shams and affectations of all kinds," Don't mistake mere prettiness for beauty. Millinery, for instance, is out of place in the home beautiful. Don't attach to your chairs and sofa cushions meaningless bows of ribbon which tie nothing. Don't dress up your toilet tables in muslin petticoats stiffened with crinoline or colored calico. Don't scatter startling white "tidies" about chairs and sofas as on so many bushes, as if you were hanging out the wash to dry. Don't display on your walls china plates and dishes. They were never meant to go there. An exception may be made now and then in favor of a piece of fine color

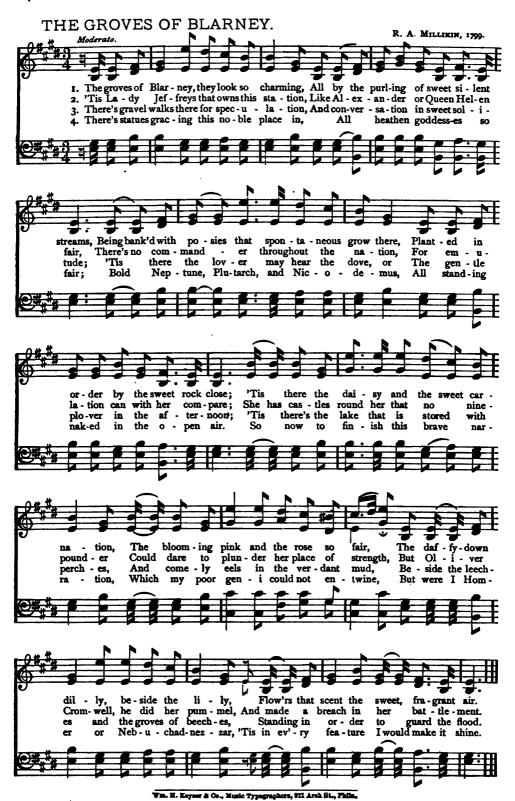
to help light up the room, or where a delicate china painting is worthy of careful examination. But to hang up ordinary domestic china! Don't! Don't hang small pictures so that their beauty is lost to any one under eight feet high. If a picture is not seen from the same position that the artist saw it when he painted it the drawing will appear foreshortened and the general effect consequently falsified. Don't hang any picture in the home which has not the impress of elegance, purity, and cheerfulness. Don't give place to representations of corpses, tortured saints, or anything occasioning painful emotions. Above all, having such pictures and not wanting them down-stairs, don't banish them to the nursery, school-room, or bedroom. Some things should go into locked drawers. For instance, I mean mementos of seaweed and dried ferns and flowers, and



wretched daubs on china, canvas, or paper, the crude efforts of youthful members of the family. No true lover of the home beautiful will inflict these on his family and friends and compel them to violate truth by pretending to like them. Don't buy your carpet or your wall-paper because it looks pretty in the roll when you see it in the store. But think of the fitness of each with its ultimate surroundings. Remember that the carpet is to be a background for your furniture, and the wall-paper—unless it is to be the actual decoration of the walls—is to be merely a background for your pictures. Don't admit into the home beautiful any piece of furniture or implement of every-day life which does not honestly serve its purpose—no light, flimsy chairs which an able-bodied man dare not sit upon; no puffy.

debilitated sofas, all wind and springs; no burnished brass-sheeted fire-irons, bought only to be looked at, and give place to the ugly little black poker and shovel when coal is to be broken or ashes are to be removed. There is no reason why an object should not be useful as well as ornamental. Indeed, there can be no beauty without fitness. Nature everywhere teaches us the compatibility of the highest utility with the greatest beauty. And so with beauty and truth. There may be truth without beauty; but there is no beauty without truth. Truth, beauty, and utility are the inseparable trinity of the ideal home. Let us then write them upon the portals of the house as the epitome of all that is most admirable in religion, in art—which of course includes music—and in every-day life.—Decorative Art.





# ELEMENTS OF MUSIC.

1. A Musical Sound is called a Tone.

2. Every tone has the three properties of Length, Pitch, and Power.

3. There are, therefore, three departments in the Elements of Music:

I. Rhythmics, treating of the Length of Tones. 2. Melod'ics, treating of the Pitch of Tones.

3. Dynam'les, treating of the Power of Tones.

The word Rhythmics is derived from the Greek rb "rheo," meaning to flow, as in the measured overment of poetic lines. Melod/ics is from the reck "melodieo," to sing harmoniously, or "media," a tune to which lyric poetry is set, a choral og, from "mel'odos," musical or melodious. Dym'ics is from the Greek "dun'amai," to be able, "dun'amis," force, energy, power.
Rhythmics comprehends all rhythmic things, or

hatever may be derived from the primary fact that mes may be long or short. It includes also the ythmic structure of phrases, sections and periods. lelodics includes everything that may proceed from be primary distinction of low or high, or from the roperty of pitch. The word "melody," as componly used, is of much more limited signification, ferring only to a pleasing succession of tones in hythmic order or to an ordinary tune form. Dyamics embraces not only the mere force of tones, ut also their manner or form of delivery.

## RHYTHMICS: Length of Tones.

### NOTES AND RESTS.

4. Notes are characters used to designate two things: By their position on the staff they give the Pitch of the tone, and by their form they indicate its Length.

5. The following are the notes in common use, the relative length of the tones which they represent

being indicated by their names.

WHOLE-NOTE. HALF-NOTE. QUARTER. EIGHTH. SIXTEENTH.

A character 2 called a *Breve*, or *Double-Note*, is sometimes used. It represents a tone twice as long as that represented by a Whole Note.

6. Rests are characters used to indicate silence. 7. The following are the Rests in common use; the relative length of the portions of time which they represent, corresponds to that of the notes; it is indicated by their names; the whole rest may also represent a whole measure rest without regard to the kind of time:

WHOLE-REST. HALF-REST. QUARTER. BIGHTH, SIXTEENTH. X or 1 or 7

For brevity and convenience, we shall hereafter speak of the length of notes, meaning the length of the tones represented by them.

8. A Dot placed after a note or a rest increases its length one-half. A dotted whole note is equal to three halves; a dotted half to three quarters. The same is true of Rests. Thus:

9. Two Dots placed after a note or a rest increase its length three-fourths, the second dot adding one-half the length of the first. Thus:

10. The Figure 3 placed above or below three equal notes reduces their length to two of the same kind. Thus, written in this manner are called Triplets.

11. Two or more notes may represent a single tone by the use of a character called a Tie. In vocal music the hooks attached to the notes may be joined for the same purpose, and the notes should be sung to one syllable. The Slur is used when the notes differ in pitch, the Tie \_\_\_ when they are of the same pitch.

### MEASURES AND PARTS.

12. Music is divided into Measures and Parts—into Measures by single bars and into Parts by double bars. The time of each measure is the same as that of every other measure in the part and is determined by the fraction placed at the beginning of each part. If a part is to be repeated, dots, called Repeating Dots, precede the double bar.

Measures are again divided into certain parts, which may be indicated to the ear by Counting, as "one, two," "one two," etc.; or to the eye by motions of the hand, called Beats, or Beating Time. The length of notes may frequently be estimated, but in complicated movements, it must be indicated as above by some simple method of measurement.

14. A Measure divided into two parts is called Double Measure; three parts, Triple Measure; four parts, Quadruple Measure; six parts, Sextuple Measure. Thus:

QUADRUPLE, ITTTI

15. Each kind of Measure may have several varieties, depending upon the length of the notes which are expressed by the denominator of the fraction. The following are some of the common varieties:

DOUBLE.	TRIPLE MEASURE.	QUADRUPLE MEASURE.
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The pupil should, of course, be taught that a Measure may be filled with other notes than those used in the above examples. Let him fill the measures with notes of different lengths, rests, etc. As will be seen, a piece of music may begin on any part of a measure. When it begins on a fractional part, it ends on a fractional part; and the two parts thus formed equal a complete measure.

16. The Numerator of the Fraction at the beginning of the above examples indicates the number of beats into which the measure is divided; the Denominator indicates the kind of note which will fill each beat. Thus, 3/4 shows that there are three beats in the measure, and that a quarter note will fill each beat.

17. The limits or boundaries of Measures, as has been said, are marked by light vertical lines, called Bars, the end of a Part being marked by a heavy vertical line, or Double Bar.

18. The end of a line of poetry in hymnal music is also sometimes indicated by a heavy vertical line, or Double Bar, which can have no effect upon the

19. The end of a piece of music is indicated by a character called a Close.

20. Beating Time is designating each part of a Measure by a motion of the hand. In Double Measure, the hand moves down, up; Triple Measure, down, left, up; Quadruple Measure, down, left, right, up; Sextuple Measure, down, left, left, right, up, up; or in rapid movement, down, up. This may vary according to the taste of the instructor, each having his

own method of indicating accent.

- 21. Counting Time is designating each part of a Measure by a number. In Double Measure, we count one, two; Triple Measure, one, two, three; Ouadruple Measure, one, two, three, four; Sextuple Measure, one, two, three, four, five, six; or one, two. The exercises of beating and counting time are very valuable, and should be practiced frequently. Beating time requires motions of the hand at exactly equal points of time; counting time requires counts at exactly equal points of time. It is common to speak of tones "as so many beats long," or "so many counts long." When the leader tells which way the hand is moving, he is said to be describing the time. Select melodies from the book for the purpose of affording variety of practice. Let the class be divided into parts, singing and counting or beating time alternately. Ability to count inaudibly should be acquired as soon as possible, for this is essential to success.
- 22. Accent is a stress given to certain parts of the Measure. In Double Measure, the first part is accented; in Triple Measure, the first part; in Quadruple Measure, the first and third parts; in Sextuple Measure, the first and fourth parts. In measures containing two accents, the first is the principal and therefore louder. The accents may fall away when followed by a rest, and may be changed when followed by a longer note, this note receiving the accent and being therefore called a Syncopated note. These rules are, however, becoming somewhat obsolete in vocal music, the accented syllables and emphatic words determining the parts to be accented.

23. A Syncopated Note, then, is one that begins on an unaccented part of a measure and continues on an accented part. Thus, in second is a Syncopated Note, or a Syncope, and should always be accented, that is, expressed forcibly, as if so

24. The length of the beats in each Measure is

indicated by certain Italian words, sometimes modified by other words added thereto, of which the following are the most common:

Adagio—Very slow movement. Allegretto-Cheerful, not so fast as Allegro. Allegro-Quick, lively, vivacious. Andante—Rather slow, gentle, distinct. Andantino-Somewhat quicker than Andante. Largo—Very slow and solemn. Larghetto-Less slow than Largo. Lento-Slow. Moderato-Moderate. Presto—Very quick.
Prestissimo—With greatest rapidity.

### **MELODICS: Pitch of Tones.** THE STAFF.

25. The Staff is used to represent the relative pitch of Tones. It consists of five lines and four spaces, each line and space being called a degree. Thus the staff contains nine degrees and the sentence. "Name the degrees on which these notes are found," means "Name the lines and spaces on which these notes are found."

26. Added lines are used to represent tones which are too high or too low to be represented upon the Staff. They may be placed above and below the staff to any extent desired, as they are simply a continuation of the staff, the note immediately above or below the Staff being in a Space.

27. The lines and spaces of the Staff are named from the lowest upwards, 1st line, 1st space, 2d line,

2d space, etc.

28. The added lines and spaces are named from the first line, space below, 1st line below, etc.; and from the fifth line, space above, 1st line above, etc.

1st line above.		2d space above.	
		1st space above.	
4th line.	4th	space.	
3d line.	3d space.		
2d line.	2d space.		
1st line.	1st space.		
1st line below.		1st space below.	
		2d space below.	

29. Each degree is designated by one of the first seven letters of the alphabet, the position of the letter never changing unless the Clef be changed.

30. Instead of placing a letter on the staff to show the abstract pitch, certain characters are used called Clefs, which show how the letters are applied. Thus, the Treble clef marks the position of C on the staff, in the third space; and the Bass clef, marks the position CLEF of C in the second space.

31. In four-part songs the Soprano and Alto are written in the Treble, and the Tenor and Bass in the Bass Clef. There are other clefs used by certain orchestral instruments, as the Alto clef, marking the position of C on the third line (viola), and the Tenor clef, marking the position of C on the fourth line (trombone).



The C on the first line below the Treble Staff, and the C on the first line above the Bass, represent the same tone. It is called Middle C. The tones of the

Female voice are an octave higher than those of the Male, hence a Soprano solo sung by a Tenor sounds an octave lower than the notes in which it is written.

32. The different parts are commonly represented in music by two or more staves, united by a Brace,

and called a Score.

33. The Absolute Pitch of Tones (the pitch independent of scale relationship), is designated by the letters naming the degrees of the Staff; as, A, B, C, D, E, F, G. The position of these letters is fixed and unchangeable while the clef remains unchanged.

34. The difference of pitch between any two tones, as from A to B, from A to E, from C to G, etc., is called an Interval. A true knowledge of intervals can only be communicated through the Ear. The pupil must listen carefully to tones and compare them constantly. Without this practical acquaintance with the subject, names, definitions and illustrations

are of little account.

35. In the regular succession of the Natural Tones, there are two kinds of intervals, larger and The larger intervals are called Tones and the smaller Semi-Tones. The successive tones of the major scale, in all the keys, occur in the following order: Between one and two, a tone; between two and three, a tone; between three and four, a semi-tone; between four and five, a tone; between five and six, a tone; between six and seven, a tone; and between seven and eight, a semi-tone. These two half-tones in the octave afford infinite variety in music. Were the eight natural sounds in the octave equidistant one from another, there being no semi-tones, the keys would differ only in acuteness and not in quality, as now. Choose melodies from the book in the different keys and give the pupils exercise in reading these intervals of tones and semi-tones.

36. Between any two tones of the Staff having the interval of a step, another tone may be inserted, dividing the step into two half-steps. Thus, a tone may be inserted between C and D, etc. Some singers of Southern Europe add a certain brilliancy of effect by again dividing the half-step; but ability to do this is not possessed by the people of Central or Northern Europe, or of America.

37. The degrees of the Staff represent these inserted tones by the aid of characters called Sharps and Flats. Thus, a tone inserted between C and D,

is named C sharp, or D flat.

38. A Sharp, \$\\$, placed on a degree, raises the pitch of a tone a half-step; a Flat, \$\bar{p}\$, placed on it, lowers the pitch of a tone a half-step below that named by the letter.

39. The power of a sharp or a flat may be cancelled by a character called a Natural. 1.

Range of the Human Voice.—The compass of every human voice for singing must fall somewhere within the wide range of notes given herewith. But, of course, no single voice has ever been equal to these thirty-one notes at any one period in life. The boy who sings a high soprano may take nearly all the upper notes, but when grown to manhood his voice "changes," and he has ability to sing only in the three lower octaves. As to the range of notes here found, it requires a phenomenal Bass to reach the lowest (Great Double C), and a Soprano only less remarkable to sing the highest (e'') with confidence and musical effect. If the reader has not learned the compass of his own voice, it will be both interesting and satisfactory to test, with piano or organ, for its highest and lowest notes, as well as for those tones in which it is strong and full, or weak and uncertain. By intelligent practice the compass may be increased and the tones improved.



The Staff in the Bass clef extends from G to A. Three notes intervene between this and the staff in the Treble, which, as will be seen, may be written in either clef, above the Bass or below the Treble. Of these, the middle note (c) is known as "Middle" C because midway between the two cless. clef extends from e to f'. All the letters below G in the bass and e in the treble, occupy places in successive order downwards on the added lines and spaces below the staff; all above A in the bass and I' in the treble on the added lines above the staff. "Middle C" (c) corresponds to the fourth note on the G string of the violin at ordinary concert pitch, or to Middle C on piano or organ. Great Double C, or Contra C, as it is called, having about thirty-three vibrations to the second, the next higher C doubles that number; and so on, each octave higher doubling the number of vibrations of the octave next below it.

The entire range of the human voice in music-from lowest Bass to highest Soprano—may be reckoned from E below the staff in the bass clef, four octaves, to E b above the staff in the treble clef. Vocal sounds lower or higher than this seem to have little power of expression in any sense. Voices are usually considered under three divisions for the male, and four for

the female sex; Bass, Barytone, and Tenor, Contralto, Alto, Mezzo Soprano, and Soprano. The usual range of the Bass is from F or E below the bass clef, rarely lower, two octaves to f; Barytone, from G, on first line of bass clef, two octaves, to g; Tenor, from C, two octaves, to c'; Contralto, the deepest female voice, from F to c", being two and one-half octaves; Alto, two octaves, from F to f'; Mezzo Soprano, from A to a; and Soprano from "Middle C" (c), two octaves to c", which is also indicated as c2. Middle C has about 132 vibrations to the second, and is produced by sound waves from eight to nine feet apart. Waves at half that distance apart, produce a tone one octave higher, half that again the next higher octave, and so on. In large organs, C, an octave below Contra C, with 161/2 vibrations per second, is reached, but the effect is imperfect. The piano reaches a4, with 3,520 vibrations per second, and sometimes C5, with The highest note taken in the or-4,224 vibrations. chestra is probably d5, on the piccolo flute, with 4,752 The practical range in music is from 40 to 4,000 vibrations per second, embracing seven octaves. The human ear is, however, able to compass eleven octaves, that is to say, it notes vibrations ranging from 161/2 up to 38,000 in a single second of time.

40. A Double Sharp, X, is used on a degree affected by a sharp, to represent a tone a half-step above the one affected by the sharp; its power may be cancelled by a sharp and natural, ##. A **Double** Flat, p2, is used on a degree affected by a flat, to represent a tone a half-step below the one affected by a flat; it may be cancelled by a flat and natural, 21.

41. The Signature of a Staff is the part between the clef and the fraction; it is named from the number of sharps or flats which it contains. If there is no signature, the notes correspond with the white

keys of piano or organ.

42. A sharp or a flat in the signature applies not only to the degree on which it stands, but also to all

others which represent the same pitch.

43. A sharp, a flat, or a natural, placed outside the signature, is called an Accidental,—appearing "accidentally" in the measure—and applies only to

the degree on which it stands.

44. If not cancelled, as stated above, the signification of a signature extends to the end of the Staff; that of an accidental-whether flat, sharp or naturalextends no farther than the measure in which it appears, except when the last note of a measure is flat or sharp, and the first note of the following measure is the same letter; then, if it is syncopated, the influence of the accidental extends to that note.

### THE DIATONIC SCALE.

45. The Relative Pitch of tones is indicated by

a Scale, or Tone Ladder.

46. The Diatonic Scale, generally called the Scale, consists of a regular succession of intervals from the key-note to the octave, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, or octave, it having been found most agreeable to join to the seven sounds of one group the first of the next higher, making eight in all. The key-note is the first note in the Scale. This Scale is also called the Major Scale, to distinguish it from another scale, having its semitones in different order, and called the Minor Scale. In the compass of the scale there are five whole tones or degrees and two semi-tones or half-degrees. Commencing on C, that is making C one of the scale, these semi-tones are found between the 3d and 4th and 7th and 8th degrees. Here we find between the 1st and 3d degrees two whole tones, making a "major" or greater third. All music written on the scale when so constructed is said to be in the major keys; and this scale can only be formed from the notes in their natural order by commencing on C. There is, however, another series of notes, equally well-fitted for expressing musical ideas, which is formed by commencing on A instead of C, and which, in the natural order of tones, can begin only on A. In this scale the semi-tones always fall between 2 and 3 and 5 and 6. Here between the 1st and 3d degrees there are not two whole tones, but only a tone and a half, making the "minor" or lower third. All music written on the scale when so constructed is said to be in the minor keys, which are often most expressive.

47. The tones are named by Numbers and also by Syllables, the latter to afford greater variety of vowel sounds for practice, as well as to form an easy association of degree name and relative pitch of tone—the same syllable being always used in singing the same tone. Do is always one, Re always two, and so on.

The numbers and syllables are as follows:

By numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. By syllables: Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Si, Do. (Pronounced Doe, Ray, Mee, Fah, Sole, Lah, See, Doe.)

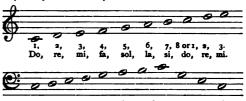
The names of the notes, Do, Re, Mi, etc., vibrate throughout the scale, their places depending wholly upon the location of the Key-note, which is always called Do, and numbered one.

48. There are, as has already been said, two kinds of intervals in the Diatonic scale: Steps and Halfsteps, the intervals between 3 and 4, and 7 and 8. being half-steps, while all the others are steps. The half-steps, or semi-tones, should always be sung "the voice being slightly pressed or driven "sharp, above, rather than permitted to fall below the tone

indicated by the note upon the staff.

49. In writing the Scale, any tone may be taken as one, or Do; when this is determined, the others must follow in regular order. In the examples below, one or Do is placed on C, as the intervals of the staff, beginning with C, correspond with those of the scale. All the steps in the key of C are therefore natural steps. As shown in the following examples, the scale is extended upwards, by regarding eight, or the octave above one, as one of an upper scale; and downwards, by regarding one as eight of a lower scale.

50. The Scale, as written upon the staff, in the key of C, in both clefs, is as follows:—



7, 8 or 1, 5, si, do, sol, I, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la,

### THE TONE LADDER.

51. The fact that these Eight Degrees include every possible distance except the none and deceme (ninth and tenth), at which musical tones can be placed from each other, was discovered some centuries When sung consecutively the thought ago in Italy. of ascending or descending a ladder was naturally suggested, and the term "Scale" (Italian word Scala, meaning "ladder,") was adopted. The propriety of the name has caused it to be retained by musicians. The order of tones being a "ladder," the distances between them are naturally called steps. The tones of the Scale can only be learned by imitation.

The Scale or Tone Ladder may be drawn or neatly painted on the blackboard for permanent use in the form here shown, six or eight inches wide and eighteen high, which will afford spaces three inches in height to represent tone intervals, and one and a-half inch spaces for the semi-tones. Let the scale names and numbers be given as here. The exercises should be written by the side of the scale in **bold fig**ures. Commas may be used after the figures to indicate short notes, and the dash for notes prolonged. With the pointer, the teacher can direct the work of the class more readily, singing the exercises backwards as well as forwards, by numbers, by syllables, by letters, and by simple vowel sounds.

The following exercises which may be placed upon the board, as well as sung from the page, will afford much variety of useful practice. They may be greatly varied, and supplemented by others to almost any extent. But it is advised that, at first, they be taken in the order here presented, in short lessons, so that nothing is passed that is not well learned. Let this drill exercise be pleasantly varied by rote singing—attractive songs and familiar hymns being preferredall of which may afterwards be written in the numerals. These figures can be so written as to represent three octaves, by placing a dash above those that fall below the staff, below those that are above the staff, and before and after those upon the staff—the dash all the while representing the Staff.

all the while representing the Staff.						
<sup>Do</sup> Si 1, 2- 2, 1-						
1, 2, 3- 3, 2, 1-						
sol 1, 2, 3, 4-4, 3, 2, 1-						
(4 1, 2, 3, 4, 5- 5, 4, 3, 2, 1-						
Re 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6– 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1–						
Do 1 2 8 4 5 6 7 8 - 8 7 6 5 4 8 2 1-						
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It is of prime importance that there should be a feeling of confidence and prompt readiness—"sure touch"—in passing from one degree of the Scale to another. This can be acquired most readily, as ex-

perience has shown, by frequent exercises upon the numerals, alternating with the names of notes, etc., and hence much of this practice is here condensed into little space. The Scale should be regarded as the unit in thinking sounds, and should be taught as a whole. The practice of the sounds as relative mental objects, should then form a part of each lesson until these relative sounds are familiar in every ordinary relation to each other.

Simple melodies and familiar tunes may be written on the blackboard in numerals, followed by commas or dashes, as the notes are short or long. Pupils may thus be familiarized with the third, fourth, fifth or other intervals, by associating them with like intervals in tunes with which they are perfectly familiar. This will be found a hint of much practical value. No other country gives so much attention to music as Germany, and this, with German teachers, is a favorite method of fixing in the mind certain scale intervals.

Too little attention is directed to developing tone perception in the minds of pupils. The teacher who sings should frequently sound the key-note, then sing ah or la to any tone or tones in the scale, and have the pupils name the number and syllable, and (when the key is announced), the letter. The same training can be given by sounding the key-note, and having a part of the class sing the tones indicated by the pointer, while the rest of the class, with their backs turned, name the tones that have been sung. To know the name of the note is a very different matter from being able to sense the tone, and much less important. This practical knowledge of tones is essential.

The teacher should cultivate a soft, distinct, and pleasing quality of tone. A good style of singing can only be acquired by imitation, and that of the teacher should be worthy to be imitated. In these exercises the numerals, or names of the sounds, may be sung first; then the syllables, Do, Re, Mi, etc.; then the letters or the pitch of the sounds, and finally the syllable *ah*, or *ia*, for each note. Be careful that every tone is sung with precision. Use D as *one*, throughout the above exercises, afterwards the scale of E2, E, and C. Be sure that the pitch is correct. Test frequently for correct pitch, with tuning fork, pitch-pipe, piano, or organ. The "scale" is sung by the Syllables; the names of the successive sound intervals by the Numerals; the pitch of the sounds (the key being known) by the Letters—a distinction which will be of interest to intelligent pupils. This should be so well known to the class that there can be no mistake as to what is meant when the teacher uses the terms, "Scale," "Name," "Pitch," as words of command during the singing exercise.

Teachers who are not familiar with the scale can, of themselves, by the aid of the organ or piano, readily master the succession of tones found in these exercises. The difficulty is not great, and the pleasure and profit to teacher and school will be positive and lasting—each step forward giving courage for another.

Observe the following directions for singing: 1. Let the body be erect, avoiding stiffness or restraint. 2. Take breath easily and naturally, without raising the shoulders. 3. Let the mouth be well opened, taking care to avoid rigidity of the muscles of the throat and neck. 4. Aim at purity of tone, rather than mere power. 5. Practice frequently, singing the vowel a (ah), endeavoring to produce the sound in the front part of the mouth. It is recommended to preface the a (ah) with the vowels oo, o, singing them rapidly and uniting them with the a, and dwelling upon the a; thus, oo, o, a. This prevents the sound from being made too far back in the mouth. 6. Articulate

distinctly, but without apparent effort. 7. In singing loud passages, be very careful to avoid shouting.

### THE KEY-NOTE

52. The **Key-note** is *One* of the Scale, and is called the **Tonic**. A minor third above the tonic characterizes the Minor scale; a major third, the Major.

53. The Fifth of the Scale is the Dominant.

54. The Fourth, the Sub-Dominant.
55. The Key of a piece of music is the fundamental tone, or one of the Scale in which it is written, and it is indicated by the signature. (See Art. 41.) It is always Do, and is in music "what the foundation is to a house, home to the traveler, or a port to the sailor, from which he takes his departure and to which after his voyage he hopes to return"—the melody always ending with the Key-note. The peculiar characteristic of this note Do, in the Major keys, is that above it, successively, are always first two whole tones, then a semi-tone, followed by three whole tones and a semi-tone; then Do again, and order of intervals as before. The key of C has no signature. The signatures of the keys that follow are as here shown:

G, one sharp -F\$ F\$, C\$ D, two sharps-F#, C#, G#. A, three sharps E, four sharps F\$, C\$, G\$, D\$. F\$, C\$, G\$, D\$, A\$. B, five sharps F\$, six sharps-F\$, C\$, G\$, D\$, A\$, E\$. one flat -Вb. Βь, two flats-Вь, Еь. Eb, three flats-Bb, Eb, Ab. Ab, four flats-Bb, Eb, Ab, Db Db, five flats-Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb Gb, six flats- Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb, Cb.

In singing a tune, the first thing to be done is to find the Key-note as a starting point. The order of the keys in the sharps may very easily be remembered from the initial letters in the sentence, "Good Deeds Are Ever-Blooming Flowers," the last key being F\$ instead of F. The order of the keys in flats is had by reading the sentence backwards, the first key being F, and each of the others adding the flat (b), as Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, and Gb. In Minor tunes, the key-note is always a minor third, (three semi-tones), below the place named for Do in the above Major keys. That is, the key-note is major C or minor A; G major or E minor; D major or B minor, etc.

"Next letter above last Sharp," is also a simple rule for getting the Key in sharps. One sharp being on F, the next letter above is G, the key-note; two sharps, last sharp C, next letter above is D, the key-note; and so on. In the flat keys, count four notes back, including the note made flat; as B b, back four notes to F, the key-note, and so on.

### INTERVALS.

**56.** An **Interval** is the difference of pitch between any two tones in the scale.

tween any two tones in the scale.

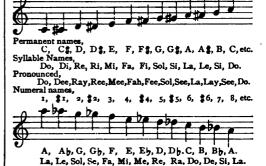
Unisons are of the same pitch. A Major Second consists of a step; a Minor Second of a half-step. A Major Third consists of two steps, a Minor Third of a step and a half-step; an Augmented Fourth on the consists of two steps and a half-step; an Augmented Fourth of three steps. A Perfect Fifth consists of three steps and a half-step; a Diminished Fifth of two steps and two half-steps. A Perfect Sixth consists of four steps and a half-step; a Diminished Sixth of three steps and two half-steps. A Major Seventh consists of five steps and two half-steps. A Major Seventh consists of five steps and a half-step; a Minor Seventh consists of five steps and two half-steps. These are called Diatonic Intervals, as they are all found in the Diatonic Scale. Other intervals, called Chromatic Intervals, may be formed by the use of sharps and flats. When the lower note of the two representing an interval is placed an octave higher, or the upper one an octave lower, the interval is

said to be *Inverted*. The degrees of an interval are counted upwards, unless the opposite is stated; and the degrees occupied by the notes, as well as the ones between them, are counted.

### CHROMATIC SCALE.

57. The Chromatic Scale is a regular succession of semi-tones.

58. The tones of the Chromatic Scale are named from the tones of the Diatonic Scale, or the letters of the staff; the intermediate ones taking their names from one or the other of the tones between which they occur, with the addition of the word "sharp" or "flat." Thus, the tone inserted between C and D, when named with respect to Absolute Pitch, is called C Sharp or D Flat; and with respect to Relative Pitch is called Sharp One, or Flat Two. This Scale is here given, both Ascending and Descending:



# 6, b6, 5, b5, 4, 3, b3, 2, b2, 1, etc. THE MINOR SCALE.

59. The **Minor Scale** is a Diatonic Scale, and is named from its third, which is a minor third; the third of the *Major Scale* being a major third. The minor third is a semi-tone lower than a major third.

**60.** The Minor Scale has various forms. In the Natural Form the half-steps occur between two and three, and five and six. Hence, the Natural Minor Scale is formed from the Major Scale, by taking the last two notes above and placing them below.

NATURAL MINOR SCALE



**61.** The **Harmonic Form** differs from the *Natural* form by the introduction of sharp-seven.

### HARMONIC MINOR SCALE.



62. The Melodic Form in ascending has sharp-six and sharp-seven, while it usually descends by the *Natural* form.

63. The Minor Scale, based upon six of the Major Scale, is called its relative minor; and the Major Scale, based upon three of the Minor Scale, is called its relative major. The signature of a minor piece of music is the same as its relative major, the additional sharps or flats being introduced before the proper notes in the piece. Thus, a minor piece in the key of E has the signature of G major, that is F#; and Dp is used instead of D.

64. Transposition is changing from one key to another, that is, moving Do, or one—the foot of the Tone Ladder—to a higher or lower place on the Staff.

65. The Transposition of the Scale is changing it from one pitch to another—the entire scale being transposed—the intervals between the tones, however, remaining the same. In order to keep the intervals of steps and half-steps in the same order as in the key of C-represented by the white keys of Organ or Piano-it is necessary to use flats or sharps-represented on the key-board by the black keys-at each transposition, according as one or another degree of the staff is made one of the Scale.

66. All scales are, in a general sense, alike natural. Whether the key is C, with neither flats or sharps, or E with its four sharps, the singer needs to have no consciousness of the fact. He simply sings the scale, with no change of thought or impression—its intervals being the same in all the keys. It is upon this fact

that the Tonic Sol-Fa system is based.

### METHOD OF TRANSPOSITION.

67. The Scale may be transposed from one pitch to any other. It is found to be simplest to transpose by fifths and fourths; that is, to change the key-note so that five or four of the old scale will become one of the new scale.

68. If one of the scale is placed on C, the intervals between the tones named by the letters correspond to those of the scale, as will be seen by the fol-lowing: Intervals marked by a are half-steps.

The key of C therefore requires no sharps or flats, and is called the Natural key.

69. If, however, any other letter be taken as one of the scale, it will be seen that the intervals do not correspond. For example, beginning with G, which is the fifth of the key of C:

From this it will be seen that if one is placed on G, F, the fourth of the key of C is a half-step too low, and hence the intermediate tone between F and G, or F , must be taken, thus:

The signature of the key of G is therefore F #.

70. Beginning with D, the fifth of the key of G, and substituting F for F:

It will be observed that C, the fourth of the key of G, is a half-step too low, and hence the tone a halfstep higher, or C must be used, thus:

D, E, 
$$\widehat{F_{\frac{1}{2}}}$$
, G, A, B,  $\widehat{C_{\frac{1}{2}}}$ , D. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

The signature of key of D is therefore F and C.

71. From the above explanations, we may derive the following Rule for Transposition by Fifths:

To transpose by Fifths, make the fifth of the old scale the key-note of the next scale, and use sharpfour in place of four of the old scale. This rule is briefly stated thus: Sharp-four transposes a fifth.

72. Again: placing one on F, which is the fourth of the key of C:

It will be found that B, the seventh of the key of C, is a half-step too high, and hence the intermediate tone between B and A, or B, must be taken, thus:

The signature of the key of F is therefore B . 73. Beginning with Bb. the fourth of key of F,

It will be seen that E, the seventh of the key of F, is a half-step too high, and hence the tone a half-step lower, or Ep must be used, thus;

The signature of key of Bb is therefore Bb and Eb.

74. By an examination of the above explanations we may derive the following Rule for Transposition by Fourths: Make the fourth of the old scale the key-note of the new scale, and use flat-seven in place of seven of the old scale. This rule is briefly stated thus: Flat-seven transposes a fourth.

75. In transposing by fifths, those keys are reached whose signatures are one or more sharps; in transposing by fourths, those keys are reached whose signa-

tures are one or more flats.

### MELODY, PASSING TONES, Etc.

76. A Melody is a single succession of tones. 77. Tones not essentially belonging to a melody, called **Passing Tones**, are often introduced. They are usually represented by small notes.

78. A passing tone that precedes an essential tone on an accented part of a measure is called an Appoggiatura; one that follows an essential tone on

an unaccented part of a measure, an After-Tone.
79. A rapid alternation of a tone with the one next above it is called a Trill or Shake. indicated by tr.

80. A tone sung in rapid succession with the tones next above and below it is called a Turn. It The Trill and the Turn do not is indicated by e.

belong to chorus singing. 81. Dots placed across a staff before a bar are called a Repeat, and indicate that the preceding

passage is to be repeated. The influence of a Repeat extends back to dots placed after a bar; or, if these are omitted, to the beginning.

82. Da Capo, or D. C., indicates a return to the beginning. Dal Segno, or D. S., indicates a return to a character called a Sign, \$5

83. Fine indicates the place to end after a D. C.

84. The Hold or Pause, , signifies that the sound should be prolonged, and the beating suspended until the singer is ready to proceed.

85. If two or more tones of a melody are to be sung to one syllable, the notes representing them are generally connected by a character called a Slur. The Slur is also used to indicate a Legato movement.

86. If a syllable is to be sung to a tone represented by two or more notes, these notes are usually

connected by a Tie. (See Art. 11.)

### DYNAMICS: Power of Tones.

87. The power of tones may be indicated by the following Italian words, marks, or abbreviations:

Mezso, ... m, ... medium.

Piano, ... p, ... soft.

Forte, ... f, ... loud.

Pianissimo, ... pp, ... very soft.

Fortissimo, ... ff, ... very loud.

Mezso Piano. ... mp, ... moderately soft.

Messo Forte, ... mf, ... moderately loud.

Crescendo, ... cres., or ..., ... gradual increase.

Diminuendo, ... dim., or ..., ... gradual decrease.

Swell, ... or sfz, ... an explosive tone, with sudden decrease.

88. The following words and characters are also sometimes used to indicate proper delivery of tones:

Legato, , tones smooth and connected.

Staccato, , , tones very short and disconnected.

Semi-Staccato, or Marcato, · · · tones moder-

ately short and disconnected.

89. Vocal Utterance, or the Emission of tone, should be instantaneous, decided, and firm; and the tone should be free, open, round, full, pure, and as

resonant as possible.

90. A necessary quality of good singing is the proper articulation and pronunciation of the words. Avoid singing a word without properly speaking it; or speaking a word without properly singing it. Do not sing with a too exact, machine-like correctness. Be careful and accurate, but put expression, soul, and intelligent personality into your work.

91. Breath should be taken at such places as will not mar the sense; at pauses and after emphatic words.

### MARKS OF EXPRESSION.

92. The following list includes ordinary marks of expression, with certain other terms used in music: Accelerando, or accel., accelerate the time, gradually faster and faster; ad libitum, or ad lib., at pleasure; animato, or con anima, animated, with animated expression; affetuoso, tender, affecting; agitato, with agitation, anxiously; amoroso or con amore, affectionately, tenderly; a tempo, in time; Bon marcato, in pointed, well-marked manner; bis, twice; bril-liante, gay, brilliant, sparkling; brio or con brio, with brilliancy and spirit; Cantata, a composition of several movements, comprising airs, recitations and choruses; coda, a close, or additional ending of a composition; con affeto, with expression; con dolore, mournfully, with grief and pathos; con energia, with energy; con expressione, with expression; con fuoco, with ardor, fire; con grazia, with grace and elegance; con moto, with agitation, emotion; con spirito, with spirit, animation; Declamando, declamato, in declamatory style; dolce, soft, tender, sweet; doloroso, tender and pathetic; Energico, with energy; expressivo, with expression; Forzando, with sudden increase of power; Grave., with slow and solemn expression; Lentando, gradually slower; loco, passage to be played exactly as written in regard to the pitch—it usually occurs after the sign 8va - - - which means

that the note or passage thus marked has been raised or lowered an octave; Maestoso, with dignified, majestic expression; mesto or mestoso, pensive, sad, mournful; messo, in medium degree, as messo forte, rather loud, mezzo piano, rather soft; mezzo voce, with moderation as to tone; molto, much or very, as molto voce, with a full voice; Non, not; non troppo, not too much; Piu, more; piu mosso, with more motion, faster; poco, somewhat, rather, as poco piano, somewhat soft; poco presto, rather quick; Rallentando, (rallen or rall.) gradually slower and softer; recitando, a speaking manner of performance; recitative, musical declamation; rinforzando, suddenly increasing in power; ritardando, (ritard or rit.) a retarding of the movement; Sostenuto, sustained; sotto, under, below, as satto voce, with subdued voice; spirito or con spirito, with spirit, animation; spiritoso, with great spirit; Tutti, the whole, full chorus; Vigoroso, bold, energetic; veloce, with rapidity; vivace, quick and cheerful; vivo, lively, animated; voici subito, turn the page quickly.

#### CHORDS AND HARMONY.

**93.** A Chord is a pleasing combination of tones sounded together.

94. Harmony is a succession of chords, according to the rules of progression and modulation.

95. The Common Chord is formed by combining any tone with its third and fifth. If the third of the chord is a Major third, the chord is a Major chord; if Minor, it is a Minor chord.

96. The chord founded upon the Key-note, or Tonic, is called the chord of the Tonic; the chord founded upon the Dominant is called the chord of the Dominant; and the chord founded upon the Sub-Dominant is called the chord of the Sub-Dominant.

97. The Chord of the Seventh is the common chord with the minor-seventh added. This chord is generally founded upon the Dominant. If founded on G, the Dominant of C, it is composed of the tones G, B, D, F.

98. Either the fifth or the octave of a chord may be omitted, but the third must always be present, ex-

cept in the dominant seventh chord.

99. The different forms of a chord can be made by placing either the key-note, or third, or fifth, in the bass, the first being the first position, the second the second position, and the third the third position of the chord. The positions of the chord of C are:



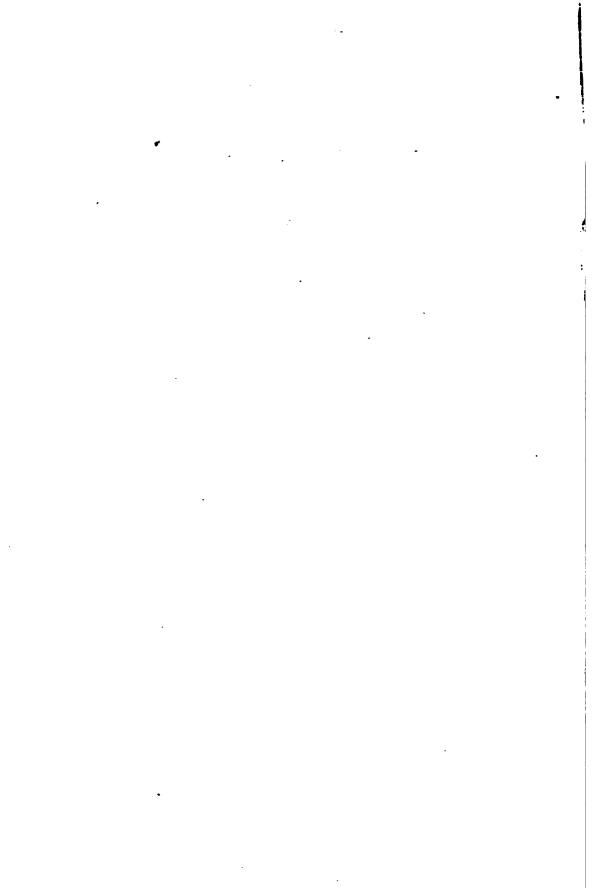
100. The positions of the chord of the dominant seventh are as follows:

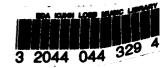
1st Position. 2d Position. 3d Position. 4th Position.



The above positions are in the key of C. It will be found to be of advantage for the teacher to explain them in all the keys, and to require pupils to write them, giving the Tonic, Dominant, Sub-Dominant, and Chord of the Seventh, in the different keys. A correct knowledge of the laws of Harmony is essential to the arrangement of music for voices or instruments. As it is not possible to treat this subject at any length in these pages, the student is referred to more extended works for its discussion, and to individual or class training by a competent instructor.

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